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UN won't expel Israel is firm Carter pledge

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

President Jimmy Carter has pledged to a visiting delegation of Jewish leaders that the United States will not permit Israel to be expelled from the United Nations.

During a nearly one-hour meeting at the White House, the President also promised that the United States will provide Israel with emergency oil supplies if the world market price gets to "inordinate levels."

Participants present during the meeting said Carter had made a strong appeal for Jewish votes in the upcoming election against Republican Ronald Reagan and Independent John Anderson. His strategy was to stress his "positive" achievements for Israel and the Jewish community as well as the "negative" factors of Reagan.

Taking the offensive by attacking the supposed influence of the major U.S. oil companies on the Republican Party, the President specifically cited former Texas Governor John Connally as someone who would have control over U.S. "energy and foreign policies" if Reagan were to win the election.

This political tactic was more subtly used when Carter addressed some 1,500 delegates at the recent B'nai B'rith convention in Washington. "You should consider very carefully who might be secretary of energy or secretary of state in a different administration next year," he warned, without mentioning any names.

But during the closed-door session with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at the White House, the President was less circumspect. Howard Squadron, chairman of the umbrella organization, later told reporters that the group had been reassured "to some extent" by the President.

The Presidents' Conference meeting with Carter was off-limits to the news media, but I have obtained this detailed summary of the discussion:

In his opening remarks, the President defended his record on Israel, again pointing out that about half of the total economic and military assistance provided to Israel by the U.S. since 1948 had origianated during his administration. He stressed that this aid was seen as a "vital" investment in U.S. security, not merely as a handout to Israel.

Carter pointed with apparent pride to his personal involvement in the achieving of the Arab-Israeli peace treaty and the Camp Daivd Accords. He said he had taken a serious, personal risk at the time, but it was worth it.

Recording the ongoing peace process, the President insisted that the "moderate" Arab states, including Saudi Arabia and Jordan, were anxious to achieve a "comprehensive" peace agreemant. Specifically, he maintanied that Jordan's King Hussein was still "genuinely" sincere in his quest for peace.

Recognizing the concern in the Jewish community over recent U.S. abstention on an anti-Israel UN Security Council vote regarding Jerusalem, the President said it would have been politically "easy" to "parrot" the view of Israel's supporters in the United States by vetoing the resolution. But he insisted that such a posture would have weakened America's credibility as a "full partner" in the negotiations. "I spend so much of my time trying to keep President Sadat on board," Carter was quoted as having said. "I have to play the role of an objective, full partner."

The President went into a lengthy defence of U.S.-Saudi relations. He noted that Saudi Arabia has great influence throughout the Arab world. The Saudis "deeply want" a comprehensive peace agreement, he said, adding that they have played a "constructive" role in many ways by "negating extremist elements in the Arab world. "They have been a strong, moderate force."

Continuing, Carter said that it was in the U.S. interest to make certain that the Saudis did not turn to the Soviet Union for military assistance.

Then, in an unusual step, the President offered to have Defence Secretary Harold Brown brief Squadron privately on Saudi military capability, which Carter insisted did not pose a real threat to Israel. "The Saudis are very weak," he said, adding that the Brown briefing will show that the Saudi army is practically "non-existent." The "overriding" consideration, he said, was to try to keep the Saudis aligned with the United States.

The President argued that only Syria and South Yemen in the Middle East were currently maintaining close ties with the Russians. He insisted that Iraq had recently moved away from Moscow.

Carter's pledge on fighting against any effort to expel Israel from the UN was made in response to a question by Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Maxwell Greenberg, the head of the B'nai B'rith anti-defamation league, asked about Israel's pending $2.9 billion aid request, and Carter replied that no final determination would be made until later in the year. But he did pledge to help Israel with its oil imports if the price gets too high.

Murder suspects arrested

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Security sources have announced the arrests of 10 West Bank Arabs allegedly responsible for the ambush slaying of six yeshiva students in Hebron last May 2.

According to an army spokesman, four of the suspects belong to the El Fatah cell which planned and carried out the killings and six are members of another cell that provided them with material assistance and transportation.

Three of the terrorists accused of the actual killings are residents of the Hebron area and one lives in the Jenin region. They reportedly confessed and said they acted on the direct orders of Abu Jihad, deputy to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat.

One of the men arrested reportedly confessed to the murders of Hadassah and Uriel Barak whose bodies were found in a parked car near Jerusalem last March.

The announcement gave full details of the manhunt that led to the apprehension of the suspects. The search began almost immediately after the killings more than three months ago and ranged throughout the West Bank.

The suspects were arrested by a military patrol as they attempted to cross one of the bridges across the Jordan River. Information as to their identity had been furnished earlier by another suspect.

SUCCAH FUN AT COUNCIL HOUSE

Succah building is fun, and for most of these children who are either deaf or hearing impaired, it was their first such experience. Parents and children turned out last Sunday at Council House for National Council of Jewish Women Toronto section's program for adults and children who are deaf or hearing impaired. Members of B'nai B'rith's Upper Canada Lodge also gave the participants a helping hand.

Soviet exodus wanes

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

New signals from the Soviet Union do not bode well for Jewish emigration, according to a knowledgeable and active observer here.

Genya Intrator, national vice-chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, told The Canadian Jewish News of several troubling new developments. These include:

- The first instance of psychiatric incarceration of a Refusenik.
- A drastic curtailment in emigration, facilitated in part by the strict implementation of a new Soviet law.
- A gradual reduction in the number of anti-semitic articles and books for export consumption.
- A parallel curtailment of anti-semitism in the domestic media.
- The unprecedented inclusion of pro-Jewish matter in managerial production conferences.
- The re-hiring no questions asked, of a Refusenik to his former lofty position.

"At face value, these measures are contradictory and inexplicable," said Mrs. Intrator. "The one thing they all suggest, on careful consideration, is the beginning of widespread Soviet measures to stop Jewish emigration. They may be acting to arrest the Jewish brain drain."

The statistics for this year's emigration, compiled by the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry, show a drop from last year. The figures for January 1980 is 2,803 emigrants (compared to January 79's total of 3,722; for February, 3,023 (3,837 in 79); for March, 3,049 (4,148 in 79); for April, 2,469 (4,296 in 79); for May, 1,976 (a drop of 52% from last year's 4,163); and in June, 1,767 (a drop of nearly 66% from June 79's total of 4,163).

The latest data is even more startling. In July of 1979, 4,068 people were allowed to leave; this year's figure was 1,205. Last August, 4,711 people left; the August 80 total was 700, a drop of more than 80%.

A new Soviet regulation allowing emigration only to facilitate the re-unification of nuclear families in Israel has been rigidly implemented. Apparent whim and randomness have been playing an increasing role in the curtailment, Mrs. Intrator said.

Vladimir Kislik, a highly placed physicist prior to his petition to emigrate in 1973, had seven years of official persecution culminate in incarceration in Kiev's Pavlov Psychiatric Hospital. "He was put in the ward reserved for extremely dangerous psychotics," Intrator elaborated. "He was taken there by ambulance after suffering a heart attack during a 15-day jail sentence for 'contact with foreigners.' He was released after two weeks. Kiev authorities hinted to his father that he was being removed from the scene for the duration of the Olympic Games.

"But this is the first time a Jew has been imprisoned in a psychiatric ward just for being a Refusenik," she said.

Only those who threaten the Communist regime itself, like advocates of government reform or leaders of nationalist movements within the USSR, who aim at removing entire countries from the Soviet grip, are dealt with so harshly, according to Intrator.

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Arab-Israeli conflict high on UN agenda

UNITED NATIONS [JTA] —

The Arab-Israeli conflict and its ramifications is a pervasive topic on the agenda of the 35th session of the General Assembly, now in progress.

According to the provisional agenda of the Assembly, two major debates relating to the Mideast conflict will take place in the early weeks of the session, on the "Questic Palestine" (item 24 on the agenda) and "The Situation in the Mideast" (item 26). Both debates will provide the stage as in previous years, for virulent attacks on Israel by the Arabs and their supporters and for pro-Palestine Liberation Organization resolutions.

A relatively new project the Arabs have adopted in recent years with which to assail Israel is the issue of nuclear armament. Two items on the issue are scheduled on this year's agenda: "Establishment of a Nuclear Free Zone in the Region of the Mideast [item 38] and "Israeli Nuclear Armament — Report of the Secretary General" [item 49].

Other items on the agenda that will give the Arabs the chance to blast Israel and possibly pass resolutions against it deal with the UN peacekeeping forces in the Mideast, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees and Israel's policies in the occupied territories.

In addition, Israel will be the subject for sharp attacks during the debates on "International Covenants on Human Rights" (item 76), "United Nations Decade for Women" (item 80) and "Torture and Other Cruel and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" (item 82).

Another highlight of the anti-Israeli mood in the Assembly is "Palestine Day" on Nov. 29, with a special gathering of the General Assembly.

Gifts to UJA at record level, Project Renewal also gains

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

The largest increase in United Jewish Appeal campaign contributions by a major leadership mission to Israel was recorded at a state dinner in the Knesset for the 100 members of the UJA 1981 Prime Minister's Mission. (On the mission were Irving Granovsky, Dr. Charles Gold and Charles Diamond, of Toronto; from Montreal — Morty Brownstein, Gerald Brownstein, Cyril Reitman, Joel Reitman, Jeremy Reitman.)

Regular 1981 campaign pledges announced in the presence of Premier and Mrs. Menachem Begin totaled $15.6 million, from contributors whose gifts for the previous campaign were $11.4 million. The 37% increase is the highest in the history of the annual Prime Minister's Missions, which began shortly after the Six Day War.

Pledges for Project Renewal, for which UJA is seeking contributions over and above regular giving, registered even greater gains. A total of $15.3 million in Project Renewal pledges was announced to Begin, who set the program in motion three years ago with a call for a massive international effort shared equally by world Jewry and the people of Israel. This represents an 86% increase over the $8.2 million previously pledged by the same contributors.

According to UJA national chairman Herschel Blumberg, who led the mission, the Project Renewal gains were an "intense and spontaneous reaction" to face-to-face meetings between groups of members and the local leaders and residents of four Jerusalem neighborhoods included in the renewal program. The meetings freely aired the hopes and concerns of the residents, as well as the advances made and problems encountered in carrying it out.

The mission, for which Lee Scheinbart of Boston served as program and recruitment chairman, was the first of the annual Prime Minister's invitational events with a $100,000 minimum pledge qualification. The 100 participants represented the largest group of givers in that category ever brought to Israel on a UJA mission.

Peace possible says Zayyad

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Communist mayor of Nazareth brought a message of gloom and hope to Toronto last week.

Tewfik Zayyad, who is also a member of the Knesset, suggested that the Middle East is lurching toward war. But he tempered his analysis of the current situation by declaring that peace is still a possibility.

He appeared at a news conference sponsored by the pro-Palestinian Palestine Human Rights Campaign, founded in the U.S. three years ago. The conference took place in the First Unitarian Congregation, where the Arab Community Centre is located.

Zayyad, who was last here four years ago, was in Canada on a speaking tour. He was due to go to Ottawa. He had already spoken in cities across the U.S.

A non-practicing Moslem, Zayyad represents the Moscow-oriented Democratic Front for Peace and Equality in Israel's parliament. The party endorses UN Security Council resolution 242 and the Geneva peace conference as the procedural foundation for a lasting resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

The Democratic Front, which has five Knesset members, holds that Israel should withdraw to the pre-1967 frontiers and permit the Palestinians to establish a state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In his press conference, Zayyad, 51, claimed the crisis in the Middle East was growing more complicated as a result of the stalled autonomy negotiations, Israeli raids in southern Lebanon and Israel's policy of "oppression" on the West Bank.

The region, he asserted, is entering a new, dangerous stage, and is closer to war.

The tension can be defused if Israel pulls its forces out of the occupied territories and

Tewfik Zayyad

recognizes the Palestinians' right to national self-determination, including statehood, he said.

Israel, he added, must also recognize the PLO as the "legitimate representative of the Palestinians."

Zayyad said he believed that, under such conditions, the PLO would accept Israel. "Israel will recognize the PLO one day," he said in reply to a question. "It is the logic of history."

If Israel and the PLO accept each other's rights, he added, peace will have been achieved.

Syria and Jordan would join the process, Zayyad predicted. Rabidly anti-Israel states such as Libya and Iraq could not, he emphasized, sabotage such an agreement.

The mayor, a short man with a shock of curly salt-and-pepper hair, said the Israeli government should recognize the PLO before the PLO extends recognition to Israel. "The side that exists doesn't need recognition," he said.

Zayyad said he thought the PLO would eventually amend its National Covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction. Recognition of Israel was the PLO's trump card in future talks, he observed.

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Wants to erase sexist language in Bible, prayer

MONTREAL —

Sexist language in the Bible and in prayer must be eliminated if women are to achieve religious equality, it was stated at a session of the recent American Psychological Association convention held at the Sheraton-Mt. Royal Hotel.

Annette Daum, of New York, inter-religious affairs co-ordinator for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), called for a "multi-denominational approach to reverse the damaging effects on both men and women of centuries of language that misrepresents women and misleads us to the very nature of God."

The UAHC is the congregational arm of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada.

Despite progress toward equality of the sexes in the religious sphere, Daum said, "sexist language remains a major problem, particularly in seminary training programs." She said women seminarians find themselves in "a men's club atmosphere, studying a body of literature which is male-oriented, taught by men, mostly about men, interpreted and translated by men in language that oozes with masculine metaphor."

Daum said many Reform synagogues were now using a glossary of substitute terminology to help them replace masculine words and phrases used in the liturgy. She gave these examples (the masculine term first and the substitute):

Lord — God, Blessed One, Divinc, Redeemer, Ruler, Protector, Heavenly One, Maker.

Father — Holy One, Most High, Exalted.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, ancestors, forebears, patriarchs and matriarchs.

Brethren — Brothers and sisters.

Master — Ruler.

The glossary was prepared by Reform Judaism's Task Force on Equality for Women and may be obtained without charge by writing to Daum at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y., 10021.

At a recent interfaith consultation titled, "How to Survive as a Feminist in a Patriarchal Religion," participants concluded that "the major problem was the elimination of sexist language in biblical translation, liturgy and education material," Daum noted.

"A few rabbis are already using inclusive language on a regular basis in their congregations," she observed. "Members of other synagogues are seeking the same kind of changes. It is no longer unusual for congregations to experiment with creative services along parallel lines."

The UAHC has also prepared a checklist to help Jewish feminists rate their congregations on the issue of sexism, Daum said. It is contained in "Jewish Options for the 80s," a 56-page kit of consciousness-raising programs, recently published for use in Reform synagogues.

"As people of the Book, whose most revered prayer is the Shema ("Hear, O Israel ...") the command to hear and heed the words which have shaped the religious beliefs of over half the world's population — we Jews cannot underestimate the power of words," Daum said.

Begin to speak in Detroit

NEW YORK —

Prime Minister Begin will adress over 2,500 top leaders of North American Jewish federations on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly in Detroit.

Speaking at a major plenary session, Begin will provide delegates with his views on "Israel-Diaspora Relations."

The General Assembly, Nov. 12-16, will bring together leadership from CJF's 200 constituent federations in the United States and Canada, representing over 90% of North American Jewry.

CJC brief to Commons urges better break for handicapped

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

Canadian Jewish Congress has asked the federal government for changes in the Canadian Bill of Rights, the Canadian Human Rights Code and the federal Income Tax Act that would give the physically and mentally handicapped the equal rights and protection against discrimination that other minorities are granted in this country.

A CJC delegation, headed by Fred Zemans, an Osgoode Hall law professor, presented a 62-page brief last week at the Parliament Building before the House of Commons special committee on the disabled and the handicapped. David Smith of Toronto is chairman of the committee.

Specifically, CJC recommends that the existing Bill of Rights or one that may be entrenched in any new Canadian constitution, be amended to include the physically and mentally handicapped as a protected class equal to "race, national origin, color, religion or sex" which are presently contained in the Bill.

The Human Rights Code, which now protects the physically handicapped from discrimination in employment only, should be expanded to cover the same rights guaranteed to cover the same rights guaranteed other minorities in accessibility to public services, facilities and accommodation, says CJC. In addition, these rights should be enjoyed equally by the mentally handicapped and those with a past history of disability or who may be "believed" to have a disability by, for example, an employer or landlord.

Moreover, CJC suggested the present projection of the handicapped against discrimination in employment under the code should be strenthened by requiring employers to make reasonable modification of job process, such as changing location or providing specific aids, without which the handicapped person would be ineligible for the work. The current requirement of physical accommodation is not enough, CJC declared.

CJC further recommended that the Code be amended to include permission for the government to withhold federal funding from any body which discriminates against the handicapped, and that provincial agencies receiving federal grants for social service and educational programs be obligated to provide for the integration of the disabled.

The present system of a tax deduction for handicapped persons is benefiting only the rich, CJC said. And the Income Tax Act should be amended to provide, instead, a disability credit.

Also employers should be given tax incentives for their efforts to accommodate the handicapped.

Zemans told the commons committee that, in its present form, the Canadian Human Rights Act "limits the ground of complaint of the handicapped to employment and establishes separate and unequal forms of redress.

"There is no reason to isolate the handicapped in the Act in a way which delimits their opportunities for maximum participation in our social economic systems. . . . When the government fails to treat the handicapped equally in its own legislation, it can hardly expect more from its citizens."

Smith called the CJC brief, the first heard that day, "one of the most high quality submitted . . . very comprehensive."

Other members of the CJC delegation were Rabbi Joseph H. Kelman, founder of the Reena Foundation in Toronto and chairman of United Synagogues' committee on special education; Sandy Keshen, Reena Foundation executive director; Stan Urman, of Montreal, CJC assistant national director; Martin Krossel, Toronto, chairman of the Canadian bureau of the North American Jewish Students Network's task force on the disabled; and David Lepofsky, recent law graduate and member of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind of Ontario.

Krossel, 28, a victim of cerebral palsy, who despite his handicap earned a Masters degree in business adminsitration, said the handicapped will have achieved "meaningful integration only when they identify themselves last as a handicapped person." Giving his own example, Krossel said his "first identity is as a Jew, his second as the holder of an MBA, ad infinitum, to the last, someone who has a handicap."

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World

Soviets hold Wallenberg; we must help save him

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

He had a striking resemblance to my late brother. He was born in the same year I was. And, like us, he loved Jews.

I am not speaking of a dead man. Though there is no conclusive proof, I and thousands of others throughout the world firmly believe that he is still alive, I speak, of course, of Raoul Wallenberg. It is a name every Jew should know. He is a man whom all of us who respect heroism, selflessness, and limitless humanity should care about.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Wallenberg was a Christian Swede, born to a long line of distinguished diplomats and business men. In 1936 he was attached to the Haifa branch of the Holland Bank and there had his first contact with refugees from Nazi Germany.

Back in Sweden he became connected with a trading firm headed by a Hungarian Jew, K. Lauer, and developed a special concern for Hungarian Jews.

Eventually he had himself assigned to Budapest as a Swedish diplomat, and in that role began to protect harassed Jews first from the Hungarian Arrow-Cross (an equivalent of the Nazis) and then from the German occupiers themselves.

Almost half a million Hungarian Jews had already been deported to the death camps when Wallenberg sprang into action. He provided thousands of Jews with Swedish passports, thus giving them safety as "foreign citizens." He dressed up "Aryan" looking Jews as SS men to effect the release of prisoners. He followed a death march of Jews bound for extermination with trucks of supplies and medicines and eventually succeeded in detaching 500 of the marchers from the rest, saving them from certain death. He even managed to take people off trains bound for Auschwitz.

He worked day and night and his rescue efforts were eventually brought to the attention of the chief executioner, Adolf Eichmann, who referred to Wallenberg as a "Judenhund." But the Nazis never touched him. That was left to the Soviets.

When liberation came, Wallenberg stayed on in Budapest to help in the reconstruction of Hungary. That proved to be his undoing. In January 1945 he was traveling to Debrecen in order to report to Soviet authorities. He never returned, and all efforts to locate him failed.

Two and a half years later the Soviets announced that Wallenberg had died in prison of a sudden heart attack. That was the last and only time the Communists admitted that they had him in custody.

From then on, as far as the Communists were concerned, he was officially dead, but for many of his staunch admirers this was not the end of the story. They continue to believe that he is still alive and that only a worldwide campaign of concern for Wallenberg will liberate him — 35 years after he was incarcerated without even a pretense of legality, leave alone a trial.

Just before Rosh Hashanah, Abba Beer chairman of the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Congress received a letter from Wallenberg's sister in Stockholm. She heads the international Raoul Wallenberg Association. "Please (she wrote), do help us in this new activity for my brother Raoul."

The new activity is a worldwide campaign of letter writing to Wallenberg, for there are a number of witnesses who even recently testified that they saw him alive. The search has narrowed down to three prisons primarily: the Lefortovo, the Lyubyanka and the Butyrka — all in Moscow.

If you want to do a special mitzvah during these holy days, write a letter to a man surely belongs to the tzaddikei unmot ha-olam. Tell him that you are thinking of him, that he is not forgotten, and that you hope the Soviet authorities will at least release him. You will find the full addresses of the three prisons below.

Meanwhile, belong to the believers who will leave no stone unturned in his behalf. A few months ago I approached Cardinal G. Emmett Carter of the Roman Catholic Church and Primate Edward Scott of the Anglican Church. Both were at once ready to assist. Jews can do no less.

Here are the addresses:

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Energeticheskaya ul. d.3
Sledstvenny Isolyatur UKGB
Nachalniku, Polkovniku PETRENKO
U.S.S.R.

Moskva
Dzerzhinskaya ploshchad
Lyubyanka tyurma
Nachalniku
U.S.S.R.

Moskva
ul. Novolesnaya
Butyrskaya tyurma
Nachalniku
U.S.S.R.

Cohens from Damascus

The only Jews in San Miguel

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE — Sheldon Kirshner, in Mexico on assignment, found the only Jews in a small Mexican town many miles from Mexico City. This is his last article on the Jews of Mexico.

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A visitor exploring the picturesque Mexican colonial town of San Miguel de Allende, some 200 miles north of Mexico City, is more than a little surprised when his eye catches an incongruous black sign above the doorway of an old building on 18 Relox St.

The sign reads: Casa Cohen.

In San Miguel de Allende, which is as Catholic as Tel Aviv is Jewish, such a sign stops a Jewish traveler in his tracks.

Casa Cohen is a hardware store, one of the only ones in this charming mountain town of 25,000 inhabitants. It is owned by the Cohen family, a clan of Mexican Jews who originate from Damascus, Syria.

The Cohens are the only permanent Jewish residents of San Miguel de Allende, which has developed into something of an artists' colony in recent years.

Elvira Cohen Salame, 45, is the family spokesperson. She speaks a passable English, learned, no doubt, from her American customers, who spend part of their year here.

She was born not far from San Miguel de Allende's central square and ornate 17th century church. Her two children, Aurora, 17, and Salamon, 15, were born in Mexico City, as was her husband. Her parents, Isaac and Raquel, emigrated from Syria.

Elvira and her family, including her bachelor brother, David, live in quarters above the store. She and her husband and brother reside in San Miguel the year round, but Aurora and Salamon attend a Jewish school in Mexico City. Seventy-year-old grandmother, Raquel, tends to them during the school term.

Raquel Turquie Cohen met her husband-to-be when she was 18. The Turquies visited Mexico with the thought of settling here. They decided to return to Syria, but in the meantime, Raquel fell in love with Isaac, a salesman who used a wheezing burro to make his rounds.

She remained behind, marrying Isaac. Her parents and four sisters went back to Damascus after the ceremony. Today, her sisters live in Israel and her father — who is past 100 — in Damascus. Raquel's mother died years ago.

Isaac and Raquel Cohen settled in San Miguel de Allende in 1928. "Maybe he saw good business opportunities here," opines their daughter, Elvira.

Back then, it was a 14-hour trip by rail to San Miguel de Allende from Mexico City. A modern road has cut the time in half.

"My mother had a hard life at the beginning," says Elvira, translating from anybody. And she had to buy some of her food in Mexico City. San Miguel was a little primitive in those days."

Despite the difficulties, Raquel persevered. "She didn't want to go back to Syria. Business was good," says Elvira.

Casa Cohen prospered and Isaac Cohen became a philanthropist. In 1941, he bought the building in which the store is now housed. And by then, he had established a yearly tradition of giving alms — food, sweets and clothes — to the children of poor in San Miguel de Allende. He died a few years ago.

Elvira showed a visitor a yellowed press article, accompanied by a photo, of Isaac Cohen presiding over one of his annual fetes.

After Elvira got married, she and her husband lived in Mexico City for a while, then in a village called Martinez de la Torre, where they owned a shoe store. Twelve years ago, David Cohen, her brother, invited the Salames to settle in San Miguel de Allende.

For Elvira, life is good in San Miguel de Allende. She says the family has never experienced anti-semitism, and their relations with the local priest are cordial. Elvira's children are also comfortable there, but they don't know whether they'll live here in the years to come.

On Jewish High Holidays, they all go to Mexico City for services. They don't observe the laws of kashruth, partly because kosher food is so difficult to obtain many miles from Mexico City.

Elvira Cohen Salame doesn't feel isolated in San Miguel de Allende, which is as authentically Mexican as Oxford or Cambridge are British. Besides, she says, her family is used to small town living.

One of her cousins lives in a village which makes San Miguel de Allende look positively big.

Casa Cohen is the only Jewish-owned hardware store in San Miguel de Allende.

[Sheldon Kirshner Photos]

From left: Elvira Cohen Salame with daughter Aurora and mother Raquel.

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ON THE OCEAN

Christian media knew of Nazi exterminations but did not react with outrage, book proves

By PAUL DIENHART
University News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — The term "The Silence" has come to stand for the failure of organized Christianity to effectively speak out against the Nazis' planned extermination of six million Jews.

The generally accepted explanation is that Christians simply did not know what was happening to the Jews. With his soon-to-be-published book "So It Was True," Robert Ross proves that explanation false, raising the more disturbing possibility that church authorities decided not to get involved in stopping what they had to know was one of the great horrors of modern times.

Ross, an associate professor of religious studies at the University of Minnesota, studied the reporting on the Jews' plight in 52 American Protestant magazines from 1933 to 1945. "The story was told from beginning to end," Ross said in an interview. "The silence was not a silence of ignorance or lack of information."

Although the U.S. Protestant press reported accuratley on the atrocities suffered by the Jews, the reports were ususally couched in skepticism, Ross said. The impact of the reporting was thus diminished.

Even in 1945, when the doubting editors were able to see the death camps with their own eyes, the reaction was more shock and resignation than outrage, Ross said. "In the end, the editors and writers seemed unable to cope with something as unreal, even unimaginable, as the mass slaughter of millions of people. Perhaps the editors did not read their own periodicals," he writes.

As early as February 1933, reports of restrictive laws, tear-gas bombings and atrocities against the German Jews began to appear in American Protestant magazines. The reports were often small items in news digests. In articles and editorials, the Nazis tended to get the benefit of the doubt, Ross found.

"We know that the Jews control the movies, the newspapers and the money market. It may not be out of place to find out where Hitler has received his strange ideas," said a story in The Lutheran Companion. An editorial in the Moody Bible Institute Monthly asked "Christian people to suspend their judgment about Germany's present dealings with the Jews until both sides have an opportunity to be heard."

Kristallnacht — The Night of Broken Glass — forced the Protestant press to shed some of its naivete in November 1938. A young Jew's assassination of a German embassy official in Paris set the Nazis on a rampage of terror. Synagogues were burned, Jewish homes and businesses destroyed and many Jews were arrested or killed. After Kristallnacht, persecution of Jews became increasingly direct.

"The recent brutal attacks bear the earmarks of official Nazi planning," reported The Lutheran Companion.

Despite increased coverage of the Jewish situation in Germany, the American Protestant press continued to be highly skeptical of the atrocity reports.

The coverage in The Christian Century is representative of the skepticism that laced much of the reporting, Ross said. In 1942, when there were six death camps operating in Poland, the Century's editor, Charles Clayton Morrison, wrote: "Beyond doubt, horrible things are happening to the Jews in Poland. It is even possible the Nazis are herding all the Jews of Europe into Poland . . . with the deliberate intention of exterminating them there."

Then Morrison's editorial began to quibble about the actual number of Jews killed and the rumors — eventually proved true — of corpses being made into fertilizer and soap. "It is unpleasantly reminiscent of the cadaver factory lie which was one of the propaganda triumphs of the First World War," he wrote.

"What's important is that Morrison bore reluctant witness to the mass murders of Jews in Poland," Ross said. "There was a continual fear of propaganda that led the editors almost always to report what they heard with a question mark. There was a huge propaganda effort in World War I, and in 1925 most of the stories were proved false. The editors were young reporters at the time, and I'm sure they took note of that embarrassment."

As late as the summer of 1944, when a death camp was liberated near Lubin, Poland, the editor of The Christian Century was still peevishly writing about inflated estimates of people killed and the World War I corpse factory tale. "Clearly, Charles Clayton Morrison was a hard man to convince, even though his own periodical had been reporting evidence of the existence of such death camps for some time," Ross writes.

In 1945, Morrison went to see a death camp. His editorial, entitled "Gazing Into the Pit," said: "We have found it hard to believe that the reports from the Nazi concentration camps could be true. Almost desperately we have tried to think that they must be wildly exaggerated. But such puny barricades cannot stand up against the terrible facts. It will be a long, long time before our eyes will cease to see those pictures of naked corpses piled like firewood or those mounds of carrion flesh and bones. The thing is well-nigh incredible. But it happened."

A similar editorial in The Signs of the Times carried the appropriate headline: "So It Was True!"

After the war, many eyewitness accounts published about the horrors of the camps helped dispel skepticism that remained, Ross writes. A young Baptist minister, for example, wrote to The Baptist Herald about visiting Buchenwald and seeing lampshades made of tattooed human skin, an ornamental material much favored by the commandant's wife.

"But the magazines still do not seem to have said what needed to be said," Ross writes. "There was no indigantion or words of moral outrage at such evidence of human degradation."

Robert Ross' book, So It Was True, is scheduled to be published by University of Minnesota Press in September.

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Michael Gordous keeps up with international news through radio receivers that span the world.

By LARRY STEVEN PRICE

TEL AVIV — You don't have to leave your house to be a great reporter. Sometimes all you need for a worldwide scoop is a chair to sit in and a radio.

Michael Gordous, 35, who has more scoops to his credit than most regular journalists, is Israel Radio and TV's monitor: the ears of that broadcast service. He finds planes which have disappeared, reports crashes no one else admits to, and knows about an anti-terrorist raid before it supposedly happens — and he does it all by radio.

Michael Gordous is an unusual breed of journalist, who grabs his scoops by knowing which number to dial on one of his nine radio receivers on a long desk in his Tel Aviv apartment. He works at home just as did his father Natan Gordous, who was also a monitor journalist but for the French News Agency.

Gordous is loquacious but has that shy knowing smile of someone very good at his work. He broke the story of the ill-fated rescue attempt on the U.S. embassy in Teheran before the citizens in the U.S. knew it was happening. He even knew where they were and other sources assume he also knew the code names of the various planes. He says that only the list of radio frequencies he keeps near him, (his "log"), is secret.

"I received a phone call from a station in Washington informing me about the attempted rescue. Then I looked up some frequencies in my book, and next thing I was listening in on the U.S. Air Force."

Gordous says he does almost all of his work by assignment. The news desk at Israel Radio or TV, who have him on contract, calls with a story about action somewhere in the world, and he finds it on his radio receiver. He says if one of the radios breaks, he calls a repairman. "I'm a journalist," says the salt and pepper haired Gordous smiling; "not a technician."

Michael Gordous is a master at what he does. Not everyone can locate the El Al plane as it is hijacked from Athens to Entebbe; find Archbishop Makarious hiding out in Cyprus, broadcasting for help on a tiny transmitter when the world thought him dead, thus saving his life; tune into the West German commandos as they fly to rescue hostages of the Lufthansa airliner hijacked to Mogadishu in October 1977, and break the story before the German government even admits the operation is on.

He says he has received many offers from the big networks and wealthy countries to leave the meager pay of the Israel Broadcast Authority. Why does he stay on? "Because I'm an Israeli," he says smiling.

CJC pledges aid to small centres, studies them provincially, nationally

By SUSAN LAZARUS

This is the last of a series of artcles on the Jews of the Maritimes.

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Dear Mr. Krivel,

In reply to your letter regarding assistance to small communities, I would like to inform you that from a fair sized community we are now down to having only six families here . . . all the younger people have gone and since last year we haven't even had services at our synagogue due to not getting a minyan. . . . We still have a synagogue but it is not being used. Thank you for your offer of help but at present we do not require any assistance.

Sincerely,

(Jewish resident, small community in Manitoba)

This letter tells the story.

It is a Jewish community in peril with numbers dwindling as the young move away; the inability to maintain religious institutions — a community decomposing.

While a sense of hopelessness is evident, one can also sense a seeming unwillingness to demand their due as members of the Canadian Jewish community.

What are your priorities? What can we do to help you? What can you do to help us help you?

For Jews living in isolated enclaves throughout the country from Fredericton to Thunder Bay, Ont., to Victoria, B.C., these questions, set forth in a letter signed by the Canadian Jewish Congress committee for small Communities, were a welcome sign of CJC's renewed commitment to Jewish communities far from the centres of Toronto and Montreal.

The committee, chaired by David Attis of Moncton and Orin Krivel of Regina (the third member is Morley Globerman of Winnipeg), was a direct and concrete result of the CJC plenary last May at which representatives of the Maritimes community spearheaded a number of resolutions supporting small communities.

The letters, which were sent out in June with a follow-up note in August, were addressed to 100 individuals in every Jewish community in Canada.

As of last week, 41 responses have been received.

David Attis, speaking by telephone from Moncton, told The CJN that this month he and Orin Krivel will be meeting in Montreal with CJC staff to review the material received thus far in order to sort out the priorities.

"After determining the proper course of action, we will present a brief to Congress officers," he said. "I am hopeful that a decent financial allotment will be forthcoming."

The committee has a four-fold mandate, explained Stan Urman, assitant national director of CJC.

"First it is to look at the needs of the small communities generally. Once these needs are identified, the committee will note communities in reasonable geographic proximity that share common problems, and decide which problems can be solved collectively rather than individually.

"The next priority of the committee," he continued, "is to clearly delineate what should be handled locally, regionally, or nationally.

"Finally," he added, "the committee will recommend to the national officers specific structures, programs and budgetary requirements for 1981 to do the job properly."

Urman admits that in the past in many areas "CJC has not been as responsible as it could and should have been. This responsibility lies with both the national and regional offices.

"However," he stressed, "this project (to aid small communities) is being co-ordinated both regionally and nationally to seriously look at their needs.

"The officers are mandated not simply to study but to act on these needs."

Glancing briefly through some of the responses (several run three or more pages) is to become aware of community after community desperately trying to ward off the ravages of decades of isolation, attrition, assimilation, and the loneliness of feeling "who out there cares about us."

Some respondents, while appreciating what Congress is doing, say that they do not believe the organization can stop their community from dying out completely.

One moving five-page letter from a young woman in Halifax tells of the frustration of keeping Young Judaea alive when apathy is widespread (as much with parents as with the young), and financial, educational and cultural resources are limited.

"When I was growing up," the young woman wrote, "my parents made it clear than Sunday was for Young Judaea; it was a responsibility even when there were times I would rather have done something else. But to them, Jewish commitment came first.

"How I thank them for it today."

Another writer, from a tiny Ontario community, not far from a larger centre, bitterly describes reaching out for friendship and support from the larger community's synagogue and people and being rebuffed.

"We were willing to pay our own way," she wrote, "but no one cared about us or our children."

In letter after letter the priorities are laid out — holding on to youth, education of both the young and the not so young, maintaining religious institutions, and having cultural activities.

Israel Bond leaders looking for $1 billion

MEXICO CITY — Israel Bond leaders from North America, meeting here at the Bond organization's 30th anniversary international conference, were called on to provide a minimum of one billion dollars by the end of 1981 "to help assure the contribution of Israel's economic growth."

This session was held exactly 30 years after the convening of the Jerusalem conference, which founded the Israel Bond program and whose early guiding spirits were David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir.

In a keynote address to the 400 delegates at the opening session, Dr. Yaacov Ne'eman, director-general of the Israel ministry of finance, cited positive signs in Israel's economy in 1980 as a result of the government's economic policy but at the same time emphasized the vital need for Israel Bond funds "to assure the continuation of our economic upturn."

Responding to Dr. Ne'eman's call, Sam Rothberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, asserted: "In our three decades of helping to build Israel, Bonds has always met each challenge as it arose, We now commit ourselves to the task of attaining the first half billion dollars by the end of this year and to completing the goal by matching that figure in 1981."

Rothberg said that the Israel Bond Organization in the 30 years of its existance has been the primary source of investment capital for Israel, providing $4.93 billion for the country's economic development. Israel Bond dollars, he stated, have helped finance large-scale development projects such as the National Water Carrier, the construction of the harbors of Eilat and Ashdod and the development of the seaport of Haifa, oil refineries and oil pipelines, the settlement of the Negev, expansion of the Dead Sea potash works, the extension of the country's railroad and highway systems, science-based industry, El Al Airlines, and the search for new sources of energy.

In his review of Israel's economy, Dr. Ne'eman pointed to some of Israel's accomplishments since the initiation of the economic restrictions adopted earlier this year which, he said, had begun to slow down the pace of inflation. On the other hand, he said, exports have increased, thus reducing the country's balance-of-payments deficit.

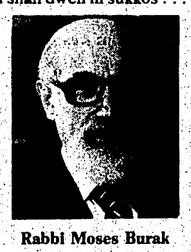
"The government of Israel is determined to apply restrictive policy measures in the future as long as it is required," Dr. Ne'eman stated, "in order to establish positive trends in the balance-of-payments and to reduce inflation to a manageable pace. In maintaining a controlled level of economic activity, special attention will be given to avoiding an increase in unemployment."

Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

The Question: Are there some people who are not obligated to sit in the sukkah and have their meals there on Sukkos?

The Torah says in Leviticus, Chapter 23, verse 42: "Ye shall dwell in sukkos seven days; all that are home born in Israel shall dwell in sukkos . . ." While this statement is so sweeping as to appear to preclude the granting of any exemptions, there are quite a few given in the Talmud and in the Code.



Rabbi Moses Burak

According to the Talmud, women are not obligated to dwell in the sukkah. A number of sages give different reasons for this. Nevertheless, the Talmud reports, in Tractate Sukkah 2 B, that Queen Helene sat in the sukkah along with her seven sons. Sages came in to visit her there. In the Tosefta, we are told that these sons were erudite scholars. The early training she gave them brought her fine dividends.

One of her sons, Monobaz, was famous for his boundless — the family called it reckless — charities. It may be that early experiences with wind and rain in his mother's sukkah taught him to understand the suffering of the poor who were without shelter all year. In that case, Queen Helene anticipated King Lear's advice: "Expose thyself to feel what wretches feel. That thou mayst shake the superflux to them. And show the heavens more just."

While the Torah places no obligations on a child before he is 13 years old, the sages taught that "as soon as a child is free from his mother's care, he is under the obligation of dwelling in the Tabernacle on the Feast of Sukkos." According to the Code, Chapter 640, paragraph 2, this means a child between the age of 5 and 6 years.

A bridegroom and his wedding party, during the seven days that follow the wedding, do not sit in the sukkah. A number of reasons are given: the sukkah is too small for the wedding party, and the flimsy structure offers little privacy. Since the sukkah should also be used as a bedroom, and the bridegroom would be a bit hesitant about using it that way, he is freed of the obligation.

All of this fails to satisfy the Mishna Berura in Chapter 640, note 33, and he suggests that it is better for the bridegroom to be stricter than the law, and to stay in the sukkah. In Tractate Sukkah, 25 B, we are told that "Rabbi Zayra said, 'I ate in the sukkah, and rejoiced with my chuppa, and there was every reason for my heart to be glad for I did two mitzvahs'."

On the other hand, a mourner is obligated to sit in the sukkah since there is no mourning on a Jewish festival. Yom Tov takes away all mourning. A Jewish family that returns from burying a loved one, if they sat shiva "for one hour before the arrival of the Holy Day, the shiva" is over; that is the ruling in the Code, Laws of Chol Ha Mo'ed, Chapter 548, paragraph 7.

But, if the burial took place on Yom Tov or on the intermediate days of the festival, the shiva "is postponed until after the Holy Days," says the Code in paragraph 1 of the same chapter. Either way, there is no mourning, and he must rejoice in the sukkah.

Further exemptions from sitting in the sukkah are given to: (1) the sick, even if they are not dangerously ill; (2) those who are in attendance on the sick; (3) those who find the sukkah painful because of an influx of bees, flies, insects, or because of foul odors, or bad weather; (4) one whose lamp has gone out leaving the sukkah in darkness; (5) those who are on the road; (6) those who are guarding the city from enemy attack; (7) those who are guarding fields and vineyards and the kosher wine; (8) those pursuing a mitzvah, say, redeeming captives.

Statement urges CBC to stop Playing for Time

LOS ANGELES — A statement urging the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation not to telecast the movie "Playing for Time," a story about a Holocuast heroine starring Vanessa Redgrave, "an outspoken proponent of the destruction of the State of Israel," was issued last week by Rabbi Abraham Cooper, assistant to the dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

The movie, based on the life of Holocaust survivor Fania Fenelon, who was saved from extermination when she was picked to play in an all-woman orchestra in Auschwitz, is sheduled for tonight on CBC and will be aired on the Columbia Broadcasting Systems on Tuesday, Sept. 30. (See CJN — Sept. 18).

Rabbi Cooper criticized CBC for its "insensitive and incomprehensible decision to show Playing for Time during our High Holy Day period [which] is unacceptable not only to Ms. Fenelon but to Jews the world over who will be engaged in a period of introspection, when the victims of the Holocaust are publicly memorialized.

"CBC's decision to show Playing for Time flies in the face of its long-standing and admirable policy of consideration to the feelings of all communities in its multi-ethnic cultural society," said Cooper.

"CBC's irresponsible handling of the situation has drawn the ire of hundreds of thousands of Americans from all walks of life. The advertising community has also expressed solidarity with Mrs. Fenelon by refusing to underwrite the project," he continued.

"The issue is perceived by most fair-minded people as a fundamental issue of sensitivity for a woman who has suffered enough. Perhaps the issue could best be understood if an IRA leader (who was an actor) had been cast as Lord Mountbatten or a terrorist to play John Diefenbaker.

"In the name of decency and on behalf of Fania Fenelon we urge CBC not to air this movie. However, if it proceeds, we will immediately urge all Canadians to join the Jewish community in Operation Switch-off."

Copies of this statement were sent to Al Johnson, president of CBC and John Meisel, chairman of the CRTC.

Error

In the story focusing on the Jews of Moncton, it was stated that the community was disturbed by the recent marriage of a young Jewish man to a non-Jewish young woman. The couple, the story said, was married by both a rabbi and a minister. In fact, the ceremony was a civil one and was performed by a Justice of the Peace. The CJN regrets the error.

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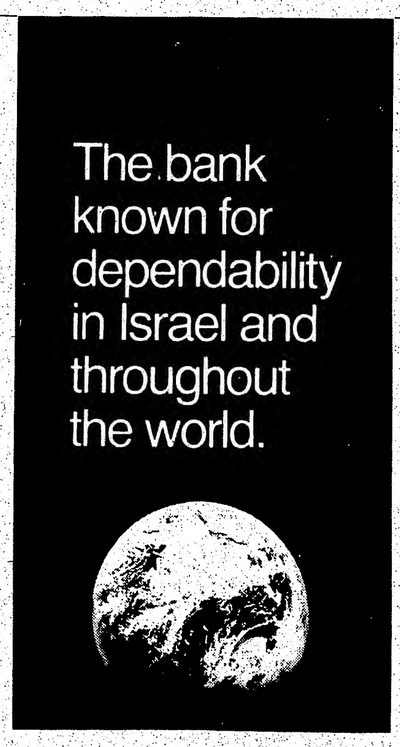

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CBC blows it

"Playing for Time," a tragic Holocaust story, is being shown on CBC television this week and on CBS in the U.S. next week and, as expected, is the cause of great consternation in Jewish communities in both countries because Vanessa Redgrave, an outspoken supporter of the PLO, has the starring role as Fania Fenelon, the survivor who wrote the book.

Columbia Broadcasting System's decision to cast Redgrave in the role was loudly protested when the announcement was first made early this year. But CBS ignored the protests and maintains that nobody should have the power to veto the "artistic decisions" of a producer. And add to this the pious declaration made to The CJN last week by a CBS press officer that ... "also at issue is whether an artist's personal or political views should be considered as more important than his or her artistic ability."

Well, we're all for freedom of speech, freedom of artistic integrity and we're opposed to "blackballing" because of political views. But we're also in favor of using good sense — "sachel" — and good taste and we think that casting Redgrave in this role doesn't make good sense nor is it in good taste. Would CBS cast Arafat as Jesus Christ or Khomeini as the shah of Iran — even if they were good actors?

Rabbi Mark Shapiro, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress put the matter into proper perspective last week when he stated that "Redgrave is an affront to the very people she is portraying ... Another actress could have been chosen without diminution of the show's artistic integrity ... There were more reasons why Redgrave should not have played the role than why she should."

From what we hear, the TV show will be a commercial flop, as few advertisers want to get caught up in the controversy. Our good old CBC is showing it "without commercial interruption." Strange — we always thought that television shows were designed to make a buck ... and to heck with "artistic integrity." Well, maybe the next step is to give "The Gong Show" a little more artistry. A great vehicle for Redgrave!

And as for Trina McQueen, the newly appointed manager of the CBC's television network, who calls the show "an enormous television event," we hope she will use more sachel in the future in selecting shows. In our opinion, she has made a very poor decision in choosing Playing for Time as her first major spectacular of the season.

All white society?

We can sympathize to some degree with the position taken recently by Carol Tator, president of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

In an appeal to the CRTC and the Ontario Human Rights Commission Ms. Tator complains about the "all-white" television commercials on television.

"We are deeply concerned about the problem of discrimination in the advertising industry," she writes. "However, it is even more disturbing to discover that both the federal government and the government of Ontario are also guilty of practices which foster a distorted image of Canadian society and indirectly contribute to racial prejudice."

For Ms. Tator the exclusion of non-whites from the commercials produced by the federal departments of welfare and the Ontario department of energy "serve only to reinforce the idea that one must be an Anglo-Saxon to be an acceptable part of the mainstream of Canadian life."

Whether or not the commercials in question contribute indirectly to racial discrimination is subject to conjecture. It is difficult to argue that peoples' attitudes towards non-whites can be affected by their absence from government sponsored ads.

There is another broader issue here which merits scrutiny.

In the United States in response to the clamor of organized black groups, television commercials have now been "integrated." The exclusion of non-whites was said to suggest subtly that only whites represented the mainstream of society.

Now black actors vie with whites in hawking deodorants, beer, automobiles and various sanitary products.

What is doubtful about commercials is not the ethnic balance of the actors who are featured on them but the manipulative nature of the commercials themselves.

There is something insidious in the television ads which inform us, with consummate artistic skill, that the healthy, relaxed and congenial life can only be achieved through the consumption of a foamy liquid, the use of perfumed roll-ons or the purchase of large automobiles.

The zeal which animates the desire to have blacks portrayed in commercial messages, whether on government-sponsored programs or private networks is understandable but misdirected.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Sept. 27, 1791, France became the first modern European country to confer citizenship and civic rights for its Jews. Among other things, it sparked a drive to assimilation unchecked by the record of pre-revolutionary depredations or by the jarring instances of anti-semitism that followed.

Not until the present generation has the community, bolstered by a massive North African influx and the influences of Israel, displayed a Jewish vitality approaching its keenness for all things French.

Jews began settling in France nearly 2,000 years ago, when Judean leaders were banished there by Augustus Caesar. Communities began proliferating in the 3rd and 4th century. Jew flourished in agriculture and wine growing. Charlemagne's (768-814) importation of scholars included at least one Jewish authority from Babylon.

By the 11th century, Jewish scholarship in France was second to none, producing Rashi and Rabbi Gershon of Mayence, among others.

Nearly all was destroyed by the Crusades. Unceasing anti-Jewish riots from 1007 to at least 1012 resulted in the annihilation of most of the country's Jews. An expelled minority returned after a papal edict eased restrictions.

In 1171, a series of blood libels brought death and destruction once more. In 1242, the Talmud was condemned for heresy and burned at the stake, along with some Jews. During the Black Death (1348-49), Jews were expelled and all their property confiscated. They were invited back to generate the tax money the ruler needed.

Jews had to wear a badge, were confined to ghettos and were forced into money-lending. In 1306, Philip IV expelled the Jews again, numbering at least 125,000.

By 1789, a community of 40,000 had managed to survive the cycles of expulsion and readmission. Many abandoned weakened Jewish institutions to take full advantage of their new rights.

Napoleon's edicts of 1806 turned the community into a sort of religious-based civil service for the state, forced Jews to take surnames and serve in the army. Assimilation and conversion ravaged the community, especially among its wealthy and its leaders. One, for example, founded an order to convert other Jews.

Largely ignored in the drive for art and culture was the anti-Jewish hostility displayed in such events as: the Damascus Affair of 1840, in which a blood libel sparked rioting condoned by the authorities; the proliferation of anti-semitic books and newspapers; and anti-semitic political planks and parties.

The Dreyfus case would have become just another unpleasant little incident to ignore had it not been taken up by Emile Zola.

The 25,000 refugees from East European persecutions of 1881 to 1914 were kept at arm's length by the community as "aliens."

Out of about 400,000 Jews, 180,000 survived the Holocaust, exhausted and in shock. These were joined by 70,000 displaced persons, mainly with strong traditions. About 100,000 Jews immigrated to France from the North African rim by 1961. An additional 110,000 came from Algeria and 16,000 from Morocco and Tunisia. Moribund communities were reviving.

Israel, its Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars, heightened Jewish awareness. The growth of tradition, the well-respected voices of French Jewish theologians and unabashed political activity on behalf of Jewish interests characterize a community whose vibrancy is now second to none in the Diaspora.

Jerusalem Law causes worldwide furor, but it just reaffirms existing situation

Israel's new Jerusalem Law, which has caused a worldwide furor "is virtually nothing new ... It simply reaffirmed the existing situation as established either by previous laws or by accepted norms," says the Israel ministry of foreign affairs.

In a "policy background" paper, recently released, the ministry explains the situation as follows:

1. From time to time, forces hostile to Israel bring up the "Jerusalem question" in international forums, in an attempt to undermine the city's status as the capital of Israel and as the living heart of the Jewish people as a whole. The latest furor over Jerusalem was raised, at the UN and elsewhere, on the initiative of the Arab states, aided by some of the countries of Europe and the Third World; it was not Israel that initiated this move. It is those countries, and not Israel, that are responsible both for the timing and for the strident tone of this most recent assault on the integrity of Jerusalem.

2. The Arab and Islamic campaign against Israel on the subject of Jerusalem began back in 1974, at the Conference of Islamic States, and was given renewed impetus, on the initiative of the Arab rejectionist states, after the signing of the Camp David Agreements in September 1978.

3. The subject of Jerusalem came up for discussion at Camp David. When it transpired that agreement could not be reached between the parties, each side presented its position on the subject in a separate letter appended to the Agreements. It was understood by both sides, together with the United States, that priority be given, in the peace negotiations, to the subject of autonomy for the inhabitants of Judea-Samaria and the Gaza district.

4. It was Egypt that first deviated from this understanding. As far back as March 21, 1980, in an interview with NBC, President Sadat minimized the sanctity of Jerusalem for the Jews, in comparison with its sanctity for the Moslems, citing the fact that there are 800 million Mosems but only 13 million Jews. (In Moslem religious law and tradition, Jerusalem actually ranks third in holiness after Mecca and Medina — a fact dramatized by President Sadat himself when, on his visit to Jerusalem in November 1977, he attended prayer service at the El-Aqsa Mosque and, of course, together with the other Moslem worshippers in the mosque, turned his face southward — towards Mecca, which is the centre of Islam!)

5. A move of particular gravity was made by Egypt on April 1, 1980, when Egypt's people's assembly (parliament) issued a statement determining that East Jerusalem was sovereign Arab territory, that it was "an integral part of the West Bank, which had been occupied by armed force." All the steps that had been taken in the city by Israel since the Six Day War were proclaimed "illegal null and void and non-binding." The Egyptian parliament called for the establishment of Jerusalem as the seat of the Palestinian autonomous authority.

6. No one outside of Israel raised any objections to this flagrant, unprovoked interference in Israel's internal affairs. Those who stood by in silence when the Egyptian parliament declared Jerusalem to be Arab, have forfeited the right to express consternation, now, over the declaration by Israel's Knesset that Jerusalem is Jewish and Israeli.

7. Moreover, the so-called Arab sector of Jerusalem has always included a Jewish Quarter which was razed to the ground during the 19 years of Jordanian occupation, and all its many synagogues, cemeteries and other religious institutions desecrated, with tombstones being used to build latrines.

8. The fact is that no country in the world could fail to react in the strongest terms to so prolonged and persistent a series of provocative interventions in its affairs as has taken place in this instance. Israel was finally compelled to rise to the challenge and to act to protect and clarify its rights. This it did in the form of the Knesset's "Basic Law: Jerusalem," which originated as a private member's bill submitted to the House for the first time on May 14, 1980 — in the wake of, and as a reaction to, the anti-Jerusalem campaign that had been mounted in the preceding months.

9. The wide support given this law by the representatives of the various parties in Israel, in the Coalition as well as the Opposition, underlines the unity of view and of purpose prevailing in this country concerning the fact of Jerusalem's being the eternal capital of Israel — and, in the wider sense, of the entire Jewish people. This fact is deeply rooted in the Jewish consciousness and in the history, culture and religion of the people of Israel.

10. The people and the government of Israel are keenly aware of the religious meaning of Jerusalem to the followers of Christianity and Islam, whose rights, interests and free access will continue to be meticulously guarded by the government of Israel, in the future as in the past. But the nature of their attachment to the city is different from that of the Jews.

11. Jerusalem's international standing as a holy city derives essentially from its history and character, as a Jewish city — the city in which Judaism, as a religion and a civilization, and the Jewish people as a nation, came into their own; the city, moreover, in which, for the last 100 years and more, the Jews have constituted a clear majority of the population.

It is indeed, unfortunate that so many governments still fail to recognize this reality. But that does not make it any less a reality, molded as it has been by thousands of years of history.

Certainly, any attempt to strike at this unalterable reality is to deal a blow to the peace process and to Israel itself. **Jerusalem is the very symbol of the sovereignty of Israel, and a central element in the self-determination of the Jewish people as a nation.**

12. From the juridical point of view, there is virtually nothing new in this law. It simply reaffirms the existing situation as established either by previous laws or by accepted norms:

(a) The first paragraph of the law reaffirms the long-established fact that Jerusalem, complete and united, is the capital of Israel.

(b) The second paragraph states that Jerusalem is the seat of the President of the state, of the Knesset, of the government and of the supreme court — as already laid down in the specific laws relating to these official bodies.

(c) The third paragraph, dealing with the inviolability of the holy places of all religions and free access to them, repeats what is stated in the Protection of the Holy Places Law, 1967, which, as is universally known, has been fully and meticulously observed.

(d) The fourth paragraph deals with the development of the city and the resources to be allocated for this purpose.

13. The real significance of this law lies in the political-declarative realm — in other words, in its serving as a reply to those who would question or undermine Israel's sovereignty over its capital city. It should be understood as a restatement of basic facts concerning Jerusalem and as an official reaffirmation of Israel's rights, in the wake of the Arab-Moslem campaign to negate those facts — and those rights.

In the light of the fact that Jerusalem is and has been Israel's capital, one must understand that the recent legislation merely serves to confirm the prevailing situation. For those who question Israel's rights in this regard, the law will serve to clarify Israel's position.

Sam Levenson: A philosophical man

Sam Levenson, the great Jewish humorist who often appeared at public functions in Canada, died recently at the age of 68. This tribute to him was written by Rochelle Saidel Wolk of Albany, N.Y. for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Because of the mail strike it just reached The CJN late last week.

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"Remember: 'All those who didn't eat chicken don't get dessert'," I chided Sam Levenson last March. Telephoning him to set up an interview after his United Jewish Appeal appearance in Albany, I had unwittingly interrupted his dinner.

He began the conversation with: "Do I disturb you when you're eating your chicken?"

Recalling one of Levenson's most famous lines, I had the pleasure of turning it on its creator.

When I met Levenson the next morning, his generally somber mood disappointed me. He was more philosophical than funny. Familiar with his jokes since childhood, I expected an upbeat and amusing encounter. After Levenson died of cardiac arrest at the age of 68, I realized his insights into the serious side of Jewish life in America in 1980 are perhaps as great a legacy as his humor.

Sam Levenson, who died recently at 68.

"I'm more of a teacher than I used to be," the pudgy comedian told me. "This is not a time for jokes." Discussing "brilliant Jews who have lost their heritage," he seemed deeply concerned about the future of Judaism in America.

"Cultures are like a palette," he explained. "When you mix them all together you get a mishmash. It's enough already. I knew where I belong, where I want to belong — as a responsible defender of my people," he emphasized. He defined a Jew as a person "willing to follow the destiny of the (Jewish) people."

Levenson said his humor worked because it was "intentionally authentic" and truly represented what he was thinking about. "Jewish humor is falsified when it could be other ethnic humor," he said. "And I try not to have a victim. No one suffers, or the idea suffers. My stories come out of the life we lead. I seek out deliberate aspects of my private life that other people have experienced. I find it works; I see nodding heads. The whole purpose of art and humor is to seek out the common denominator in people.

"The family is the best common denominator. Hardly anyone didn't have one," Levenson quipped, his humor seeping through his gloom.

"I love Jewish mothers. They're a maligned race," he continued. "In all human relationships there is no greater love than a mother's love for her children." In another humorous aside, he added: "There are two times when a child is busy kicking ... during the fifth month (of pregnancy) and at age 14."

Asked to define Jewish humor, Levenson said: "Jewish humor comes from being what we are. Future humor will depend on how Jewish we remain — whether there are Jewish entertainers, or entertainers who happen to be Jewish." He condemned the type of humor that presents a "negative, self-destructive, anti-semitic view of Judaism."

"Often the subject is not Jews, but we use it against ourselves," he added. "For example, the subject is resorts, so we use Miami and pick on Jews. In my humor, the Jew is victorious and no one can down him. I don't permit myself, in humor, to demean the Jewish people. I use our greatest contributions to arts, science, culture. Judaism has to be protected."

Levenson said his pessimism was caused by the life-style in America today, which he summed up as "plastic lunch." "When we were poor, there were fewer things to eat up our time. With more success, we have less time," he explained. "In our house the emphasis was on reading books. Kids today need more education in values and what they mean."

He described psychiatry as "an idea that didn't succeed," and suggested it be replaced by old-fashioned "sachel" (common sense).

Levenson grew up in a household that was financially poor, but rich in inspiration for his unique humor. He said his mother indeed told him and his seven siblings to say they didn't like chicken, assuring enough food for company. This was followed by: "All those who didn't eat chicken don't get dessert."

As Levenson talked, he seemed nostalgic for this simpler world of his childhood. "I didn't eat in a restaurant until I was 25," he told me. "My mother didn't trust anything she didn't make herself. That included meatballs, pants and children."

In his last book, "You Don't Have to be in Who's Who to Know What's What," Levenson said English is lacking a word "to describe a totally mature human being, who can with joy rather than conflict express the essence of being at one and the same time masculine, feminine, paternal, maternal, whose strength showed through tenderness, who can see any member of the human race as 'bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh,' who espouses the cause of Human Lib."

The Yiddish word, Levenson explained in his book, is "mensch." "To call a person a 'real mensch' is to pay him or her the highest tribute."

Sam Levenson was a real mensch.

Please say it isn't so, my dear Charles or Mr. Batshaw

By J. B. SALSBERG

This time, my gentle readers, it's Mendle, rather than my good uncle Eliezer, who maneuvered me into writing this column; a task which I tried to avoid for the sake of peace, harmony and brotherly love in our community.

In saying this I'm not trying to suggest that my uncle disagreed with his best friend, Mendle, on the issue itself. Indeed, he agreed wholeheartedly with Mendle and the other members of the Thursday night steam regulars that "something has to be said," as he put it, about the matter. But, blood being thicker than water, my uncle felt that his favorite nephew was involved in plenty of controversies lately and that perhaps someone else should speak out this time.

But neither Mendle nor the rest of the wise men, who make up the shvitz buddies, agreed. "A month has passed," they argued, "since the news item appeared in this paper, and on the front page, too, but did anyone comment about it?" The reply they made to their own question was a very emphatic, "no!"

They had me cornered, but I made a last desperate effort to stay clear of the whole thing. "Don't you see," I pleaded, "this item involves three nice gentlemen of high repute with whom I never had as much as an angry word, so why should I criticize now?"

At this stage uncle Eliezer took over and said: "Who suggested that you criticize them? All that may be necessary is that you draw it to their attention." And Mendle chimed in saying, "for all you know they may be thankful to you for having brought it to their attention."

"Sure, sure," I replied despondently. "Charles Lazarus, the veteran Canadian journalist, who also writes for this paper, will love me for suggesting that he may have misquoted Batshaw. And Batshaw, the recently retired executive vice-president of Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services, will throw rose petals at my feet for suggesting that if he wasn't misquoted, then he may have been misunderstood by the interviewer regarding Charles Bronfman's intention. And as for Charles Bronfman, himself, he may well wish that I had gotten lost before I sat down to write this column."

My pleading had no effect whatsoever on my friendly, highly-motivated tormentors. They delivered their most telling blow with Mendle's disarming question. "Weeks have passed since that news appeared but did anyone, comment on it?" "No," I replied. "So?" he pressed forward, "so?" **So here goes.**

The Aug. 21 issue of The CJN carried a front page story by non other than Charles Lazarus, informing our readers that Charles Bronfman, one of the prominent two sons of the late Sam Bronfman, has shifted his major base of Jewish activity as a result of his elevation to the position of a governor of the Jewish Agency. Readers were also informed that Manuel G. Batshaw, former chief administrative officer of Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services (which Charles Bronfman headed for some time) has now become "a consultant to Bronfman on matters affecting Israel."

So far so good. The long-time president of Canadian Jewish Congress, the late Mr. Sam Bronfman, would have been justifiably pleased with his son Charles' assumption of responsibility in the broader areas of Jewish life. But, (and this raised the temperature of the normally excessively heated shvitz for uncle Eliezer's steambath sanhedrin), the news report also stated: "What is particularly proposed (by Bronfman, Batshaw disclosed) is the selection of a group of top contributors of, $100,000 or more, leaders of Canadian Jewry, with whom he will meet to discuss the agenda, seek a consensus and accept its mandate before each meeting of the Agency's board of governors."

Well, that stopped the steambath buddies in the middle of the l'chaim that follows the shvitz. "What," asked Mendle of my uncle, "what of those who only give 75 or 50, or 25, or even one thousand dollars, aren't they entitled to be consulted?" As for Sam, he went one better and asked, "aren't those who can only afford to give one hundred, or even 25 dollars ... don't they deserve to be consulted?"

Here, according to my information uncle Eliezer suggested that it would be unreasonable to expect Charles to run all over the country asking every contributor to UJA what he thought the Jewish Agency should do. But Mendle, that shrewdy, said: "Nu, and what is Canadian Jewish Congress for. Isn't it supposed to be the voice of all the Jews in the country?"

It's hardly necessary to go into every detail of their discussion. But, for the sake of all the Eliezers, the Mendles and the Sams I wish to make the following suggestions:

Lazarus should say publicly that the typesetter bungled his story. If Lazarus should not want to embarrass the typesetter then let Batshaw make it known that his interviewer totally misunderstood his remarks about Bronfman's intentions. If Batshaw should also hesitate to make a statement, then Charles himself should declare that he never dreamed of so narrow a base for consultation ... and that is it all news to him.

O.K. Lazarus? O.K. Charles Bronfman? Good! Excellent! "Bizchus zeh, we will all have a good, happy and successful year in all our endeavors for Canadian Jewry, for Israel and for the Jews in all other lands. Amen.

Canada's Klaus Goldschlag capping long career as diplomat

Envoy to Bonn was refugee from Nazi Germany

On Parliament Hill

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

Canada's new ambassador to West Germany is a Jewish refugee from Hitler's Germany who once fleetingly contemplated a career as a rabbi.

Klaus Goldschlag, 58, assumed his position in Bonn earlier this month, following the expiration of his four-year term as deputy undersecretary of state in the department of external affairs.

"I expect a three- or four-year term in Bonn," he said in a recent interview in his lavish office in the Lester B. Pearson Building. "In theory, I have seven more years to go before retirement. In practice, this posting may be the last one I'd want to undertake."

A highly regarded, seasoned diplomat, Goldschlag welcomed the ambassadorship to the Federal Republic of Germany. "It would be hard to receive a more challenging position at this time," he said.

West Germany, he explained, is of vital importance to Canada politically, militarily, economically and culturally.

He was asked whether, as a German Jew, he had ever been hesitant about the Bonn appointment. "The question of being a Jew really never crossed my mind. It's personally rewarding, near the end of my career, to be going to Germany."

Goldschlag, whose speech has a faint German accent, mused: "There's a certain historical completion in my life cycle in being posted to Germany, and I'm attracted to that. I've worked closely with Germans over the last 30 years, and I've visited West Germany frequently and had discussions and negotiations with German colleagues."

The one time Canadian envoy to Italy and Turkey said the Third Reich was a closed chapter in German affairs. "I find it hard to lay on the new generation of Germans the burden and guilt of history."

He observed that Germany's youth could not be held responsible for barbaric acts committed by their elders during the Third Reich. "They weren't present at its creation," he noted, referring to the birth and growth of National Socialism. "I find it very difficult to associate them with events I can still myself remember."

A diminutive man with a shock of black hair, Goldschlag was hierarchically number three as deputy under-secretary in the department of external affairs. Only External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan and Under-Secretary Alan Gotlieb outranked him.

He joined the department in 1949 after studying Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, Persian and Turkish at the University of Toronto. Goldschlag has served in New Delhi, London, Vienna, Ankara and Rome. At home, he has been head of the Far Eastern division, special assistant to the minister and director-general of the bureau of Western hemisphere affairs.

Given his reputation, the West Germans are delighted that he will represent Canada in Bonn. "He's a five-star diplomat, absolutely tops," Erich Straetling, the West German envoy to Canada, told The Canadian Jewish News. "We are honored and pleased to have an ambassador like Klaus Goldschlag."

An Israeli diplomat who is acquainted with Goldschlag noted: "He's one of the most distinguised and brilliant diplomats produced by external affairs. He's a very, very impressive character, quick and sure of himself."

Goldschlag, the father of three grown children, was born in Berlin. Father Walter, who died in 1930, was a lawyer. Charlotte, his mother, left Germany in 1940 and lived in the Dominican Republic until she was reunited with her son after World War II. She died in 1953. Klaus was her only child.

Like many German Jews of the day, the Goldschlags were assimilated into the fabric of German society. Loyalty to Germany and German ideals was not enough, however, to save Goldschlag's relatives from the deaths they met.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Goldschlag harbors no bitterness about those dark years, when even the most patriotic German Jew was branded a traitor and an untermensch by the state.

Though he witnessed the agony and anguish of German Jewry, Goldschlag himself was not physically assaulted while living in Germany. "I was relatively sheltered," he said.

A Jewish orphanage into which he was placed by his mother probably saved him from Nazi excesses. Economic circumstances, he explained, forced her to do it. "I acquired something of a Jewish education in the orphanage," Goldschlag said, puffing one of two long cigars he smoked during the interview.

The superintendents of the orphanage were Jonas and Selma Plaut, parents of the Rabbi Gunther Plaut, past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. "I knew Klaus as a kid," Rabbi Plaut recalled. "He always struck me as very bright, conscientious and meticulous. We see each other occasionally today, and he calls on my mother from time to time."

Goldschlag's life took a turn for the better in 1937 when Holy Blossom Temple's Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath arrived in Germany on a rescue mission. His goal was to pluck at least one Jewish child out of Germany. "I don't know why I was chosen," he said.

At this point, another person entered Goldschlag's life — a Toronto insurance executive and philanthropist named Alan Coatsworth. "He had a long interest in Jewish boys. He was a good Christian, a unique person who was motivated by consideration of humanity. He had a strong bias for the underdog."

Goldschlag lived with Coatsworth and his housekeeper in Toronto for a decade. Coatsworth died in 1967, but his ward still maintains contact with his relatives.

During the war, Goldschlag joined the Canadian army, starting in infantry and finishing in intelligence in 1946. He served in Britain and northwestern Europe.

Following his discharge, Goldschlag went to the University of Toronto to resume his studies in Middle Eastern languages. He had graduated with a B.A. in 1944 and, upon his return to Canada, he decided to do an M.A. Later, he studied Persian poetry at Princeton.

Why, he was asked, had he been attracted to the Middle East as a field of study? He smiled. "I studied Eastern languages before oil was regarded as a scarce commodity. The Middle East is an immensely rich area culturally, and I was fascinated by it. I began with Hebrew and Aramaic and drifted into Arabic, Persian and Turkish. I'm interested in the Middle East today. As a region of crisis, it remains of professional interest."

He visited Palestine in 1947, just as it was being torn assunder by Arab-Jewish conflict. "I did a whole tour of the area in the summer. I remember being hauled out of a bus by the British. I was deeply impressed by the Jewish settlements I saw, particularly Kfar Giladi in the upper Galilee. The great Tolstoyian idealism that pervaded the settlers impressed me."

Goldschlag, who has a cousin in Tel Aviv, last visited Israel 12 years ago on a private basis. "There had been tremendous development, some for the good, some for the bad."

While studying at the University of Toronto, he took an active part in Holy Blossom Temple activities, and occasionally he conducted Saturday morning services. "At one time I didn't exclude the possibility of a theological career," he said. "But I drifted away from it . . ." Although he considers himself a believer, Goldschlag no longer attends synagogue. Neither is he affiliated with Jewish communal affairs.

If not for a University of Toronto tutor, Goldschlag might have pursued a career as a professor. "I had completed and passed my written exams for a doctorate. My tutor, who knew Lester Pearson, encouraged me to write external affairs exams. I did so because it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. I was interested in travel, the world, languages, and it seemed to me incestuous to spend my life teaching Oriental languages to Oriental scholars. Besides, I had nothing ahead of me on the academic side."

His first assignment in the department was manning the Greek and Turkish desks. From there, he moved to the Canadian embassy in New Delhi as third, then second, secretary. He was posted to London twice and served in Vienna as legation counsellor.

In 1967, when he was 45, he was named ambassador to Turkey. With his British and American colleagues, he helped avert a possible war between the Turks and the Greeks over Cyprus.

Goldschlag returned to Ottawa in 1971 to become director of the bureau of Western hemispheric affairs. It was there that he wrote a major paper on Canada-U.S. relations. In Italy, where he was ambassador from 1973 to 1976, he worked on building a closer relationship with the European Economic Community. It is said in Ottawa that he was one of the key architects in fashioning this political link.

Goldschlag, whose main areas of interest are east-west relations, NATO and nuclear policy, detente and Canada-U.S. relations, has enjoyed his years as an ambassador. And so has his wife, Shirley-Anne Macdonald, whom he married in 1951 when she was a Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation economist.

[Wayne Cuddington photo]
Klaus Goldschlag, posted to W. Germany.

"There's no such thing as a typical day for an ambassador," he remarked. "I've never had a normal eight-hour day. And at the end of it, the bread and butter of diplomacy begins: cocktail parties. I don't like parties, but they're an essential component in order to know the right people. You establish your personal credibility at these gatherings, getting to know who's worth talking to, who has the power."

Despite the aura he projects, an ambassador is not as powerful today as he used to be, Goldschlag said. "In the old days, when he wasn't within easy reach of communications, he was more influential. But an ambassador provides an element of constancy; he's one of the few who sees a relationship in the round and can make recommendations, and for that he's really irreplaceable."

Hewing to British tradition, Goldschlag has always kept a low profile as a diplomat, and this probably accounts for the fact that he has granted so few newspaper interviews. "I've tried to work in relative anonymity," said Goldschlag, whose hobbies include swimming, walking, skiing and listening to classical music.

"I've not thought of myself as a policy formulator, though I've been happy when I've had an influence on the ultimate shape of a policy. A good ambassador is not merely a conduit for information; he can have some input into the shaping of policy."

In his career, Goldschlag said he has had the privilege of working with heads of state such as Pierre Trudeau and Helmut Schmidt of West Germany. "To have been associated with such men — and events surrounding them — has given me immense satisfaction."

In West Germany, Goldschlag will undoubtedly cultivate his relationship with Chancellor Schmidt, whom he has met in Bonn and Western alliance summits in Puerto Rico, London and Venice.

No doubt, too, the posting in West Germany will better enable this son of German Jewry to understand the complexities of a nation that spawned not only Beethoven and Goethe, but Hitler and Himmler as well.

Though there are only 75,000 Australian Jews, they are a highly visible and respected group

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Australia is the only country in the world whose titular head of state has two children in yeshivot, one of them in Jerusalem and the other in Melbourne.

He is Australian Governor-General Sir Zelman Cowen, an internationally recognized authority on the law and a proud Jew. Though not himself Orthodox, as some of his children have become, Sir Zelman has never hidden his origins and indeed has been active in Jewish life for many years.

The present Governor-General was chosen at a particularly difficult juncture in Australian history as his predecessor, Sir John Kerr, had alienated a large section of the population by ordering a dissolution of the Australian Parliament and thus paved the way for the Liberal Party to take over from the Labor Party.

Sir Zelman has restored the office of Governor-General to its former, above-the-battle status, and today enjoys the respect of all elements in the community and all political parties.

Moreover, he is by no means the only Jew to hold high office in the last few years. Just recently the Lord Mayors of Australia's two largest cities, Sydney and Melbourne, were both Jews, and there are other Jews in all levels of government.

The role of Jews in Australia's intellectual and commercial life is even more pronounced, and all this despite the fact there are only some 75,000 of them in Australia, a mere 0.5% of the total population.

Jews have done well in Australia both because it is a tolerant country and because, as Sydney author Donald Horne put it, a lucky country. Stretching over an area equal to the continental United States and larger than Europe, it has less than 5,000,000 people within its borders. And these people, who in the absence of immediate external threats make do with an army of 70,000 men and a miniscule defence budget, have at their disposal vast agricultural and mineral resources, many of them still untapped.

Finding it easy to get ahead

In such a situation men and women with energy and initiative, qualities always characteristic of Jews, find it relatively easy to get ahead.

The next decade, if anything, should bring even greater prosperity to Australians, Jews and non-Jews alike. For at a time when the rest of the Western world quakes in the face of economic uncertainty, Australia is entering the greatest development boom in its history.

Since last October the capital committed to major mining and manufacturing projects in Australia has soared by 76%, from $16.35-billion to $28.92-billion. The investors — mostly multinational corporations anxious to obtain Australian oil, gas, coal, uranium, copper, etc. — will be putting up the equivalent of $2,000 in capital investment for every Australian man, woman and child.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of tourists visiting Australia over the past few years, which went up from 572,000 in 1977-78 to 654,000 in 1978-79 and 790,000 in 1979-80. Tourist Commission officials hope to pass the million mark early in the 1980s, though this will still be far less than the number of Australians who go overseas (1.6-million in 1979).

Widely scattered attractions

High fares have been the major obstacle to an increase in tourism, as Americans and Canadians can travel back and forth to Europe for a few hundred dollars, while a round-trip fare to Australia still costs over a thousand. Moreover, tourist attractions in Australia itself are widely scattered and thus costs of internal travel, despite some concession fares for tourists, are still much higher than they would be in Europe.

Be that as it may, the visitors who do go there are in for an unforgettable experience.

This may begin with a visit to what is perhaps Australia's greatest natural wonder, the Great Barrier reef, which extends for 1,300 miles off its northeastern coast. The reef is composed of 300 varieties of corals and is the home of a bewildering collection of tropical fish.

Yet however fascinating the coral and fish may be, for most tourists they cannot compete with Australia's marsupials. The kangaroos, koala bears and other creatures that symbolize Australia for outsiders are really quite as fascinating as they are supposed to be.

Koalas, to be sure, won't come down from their perches in the upper reaches of eucalyptus trees to meet with the tourists, but the kangaroos are far more sociable. A few slices of bread, even if it is a bit stale, are enough to bring them hopping up for a quick snack.

The Australian outdoors also offers opportunities for surfing, boating, fishing, skiing and just about any other sport in existence, which may account for the fact that the Australians are perhaps the most sports-minded people on the face of the earth.

All those kangaroos and surfers notwithstanding, Australia, as the tourist will discover, is basically an urbanized country. Some 85% of its population live in just five sprawling cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Perth Adelaide and Brisbane.

Each of these has features of interest, but none can compare in natural beauty with Sydney. Like Haifa and San Francisco, Sydney is a mosaic of hills and water, except that its intricate network of inlets and rivers make Sydney harbor much larger than either the harbors of Haifa or San Francisco.

And then, perched at the waters' edge, there is Sydney's famous opera house, the billowing exterior of which makes it seem as if the whole structure were about to sail away. The opera house, which also contains halls for concerts and plays, cost some $120-million (many times the original estimate) and took over a decade to complete. But the result is magnificent.

One thing that makes a trip to Australia a pleasant experience is the openness and warmth of the average Australian. This is particularly true in the country areas, where the pace of life is slower and sociability reaches its zenith in the local pubs. No town, however small, is without its pub, and in many places there seem to be almost as many pubs as houses.

There, Australians go through enormous quantities of beer, without, generally speaking, losing control of themselves.

Beer is also drunk in the cities, though now local wine, cheap and of excellent quality, is almost as popular.

A love of good wine and charming restaurants in which to drink it are among the innovations brought to Australia by the millions of non-Anglo-Saxon immigrants, primarily from central and southern Europe, who have arrived there since World War II. At first these immigrants were expected to assimilate into Australia's solidly English culture, and to do it quickly. But in recent years attitudes have changed and the government has officially embarked upon a policy of multiculturalism.

A recent report of the Australian Ethnic Affairs Council put this policy very clearly. "Our goal in Australia," the report declared, "should be to create a society in which people of non-Anglo-Australian origin are given the opportunity as individuals or groups to choose to preserve and develop their culture — their languages, traditions and arts — so that these can become living elements in the diverse culture of the total society."

Such sentiments are backed up by deeds, as can best be seen in the sphere of broadcasting. Up to the end of the 60s it was **forbidden by law** to broadcast in any language other than English.

Today, in contrast, the government has established a Special Broadcasting Service so that each and every ethnic group has a chance to express itself over the airways.

Most of those listening to the Hebrew broadcasts of the SBS are, of course, former Israelis, whether of the present generation or of earlier ones. As a matter of fact, emigration from Israel, or yerida, is a very old story in Australia. For after every wave of immigration to Palestine from Europe, there were some pioneers who found life in the Holy Land too difficult and so went on to Australia. Thus many of the founders of the Jewish community in Australia, and particularly in Melbourne, were First Aliya families from Rosh Pina, Safed, Metulla, Rishon Lezion, Rehovot and Gedera who came Down Under at the turn of the century.

But the pre-state yordim and those who have come since 1948 differ in one very significant way. The former wanted to remain within a Jewish framework; the latter, for the most part, do not.

In the words of a leading figure in the Australian Jewish community: "they seem to have disappeared, not even forming their own groups as they have in New York and Los Angeles." Indeed, the only time the yordim come together is when an Israeli entertainer like Yoram Gaon or Hava Alberstein comes to Australia, when they fill the auditorium and abandon themselves to nostalgia.

There are relatively few Israeli children, for example, in Melbourne's Jewish day schools, which are attended by some two-thirds of all Jewish children of school age.

The largest and best known of these Jewish schools is Mount Scopus, a moderately Orthodox institution with some 2,200 students. There are also a number of more rigidly Orthodox schools as well as small ones run by non-religious Zionists, Reform Jews and Yiddishists.

Parents aren't observant

Many of the parents who send their children to Mount Scopus are not themselves even nominally observant Jews, but they don't object to their children picking up some Yiddishkeit if it is accompanied by high academic standards. And these certainly exist at Mount Scopus.

The statistics are clear and impressive. While in Melbourne schools as a whole, two-thirds of all 12th graders pass their matriculation examinations, the percentage at Mount Scopus has ranged from 89.44% to 98.35% in recent years.

To be sure, private schools like Mount Scopus charge a high tuition, but government schools, the standards of which have been falling year by year, don't offer a real alternative to Jewish parents anxious to ensure that their children get a good education. It is either a private Jewish school or a private school run by one of the churches, and so most parents choose a Jewish one.

Mount Scopus principal Aleksander Ranoschy, who says his school has imbued its students with a strong sense of Jewish identity and a love for Israel, as well as providing them with a fair knowledge of Hebrew (which is compulsory), admits that they do not become as religiously observant as the school might like.

Far and away the biggest problem in respect to Hebrew and Jewish students are the Russian children at Mount Scopus, drawn from a community of some 2,000 recently arrived Russian Jews in Melbourne. Their parents will often send them to Mount Scopus or some other Jewish school because they have high academic standards and because for Russian-Jewish children the schools are free (tuition fees being paid by the Jewish community).

However, such children for the most part aren't interested in Hebrew or Jewish studies. As a matter of fact, they are running away from their Judaism. It only remains to be seen whether their attitudes will change or whether, once their parents are more affluent, they will be removed from Jewish schools and perhaps even opt out of the Jewish community altogether.

For the majority of pupils, in any case, the schools do the job they are supposed to do — namely, provide their graduates with both a solid academic background and a sense of Jewish identification.

The latter is testified to by the fact that many of them go on for extended periods of study in Israel, and quite a few actually settle there, forsaking "The Lucky Country" and all its comforts for a country that could do with a bit more luck.

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Organizations and People

Canadian government told to ask Soviets to release Refusenik Dmitry Shchiglick

By MOURA WOLPERT

Dmitri Shchiglick with his baby daughter.

HAMILTON — The face of Moscow Refusenik Dmitry Shchiglick has now become a Canadian concern, announced Genya Intrator, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, at a press conference here. A subsequent joint statement by the three main candidates in the recent Hamilton West by-election called on the government to press the Soviet Union to allow Shchiglick to emigrate to Israel.

Called by Hamilton Jewish Federation executive director Samuel Soifer on behalf of Aaron Stiglick and Dorothy Frydman, cousins of Shchiglick, the press conference was attended by Liberal candidate Dr. Stan Hudecki, Progressive Conservative Jackie Isbester and New Democrat Miriam Simpson, who said in their statement that "we are most anxious that the Canadian government, through its committee on the Helsinki Accord, which meets in Madrid in November, make strong representation to the Soviet Union, asking that it live up to its own commitments under the Helsinki Accord and release all those who wish to emigrate, including the unfortunate Dmitri Shchiglick, the unemployed meterologist of Moscow."

Now facing criminal charges for parasitim and held in Matroskaya Tishina prison since July 16, Shchiglick has been trying to emigrate since 1973. His case was taken up about four years ago by the South Florida Conference on Soviet Jewry but a story in The CJN in June 1977 brought it to the attention of the Canadian group, which has been working on it ever since.

Shchiglick was discovered by his relatives when his name appeared in the Relatives Sought column periodically published in The CJN, looking for his cousins Aaron and Morris Stiglick of Hamilton.

An engineer and naval meteorologist, he was refused permission to emigrate on the grounds that he was in possession of sensitive information. But allegations by German authorities that a ship on which he was working when it was docked in Hamburg harbor was on a spying mission were dismissed by Izvestia as "the inventions of a vulgar press." If the secrets were inventions, why was he refused an exit visa, Shchiglick demanded in a courageous appeal to the 25th Congress of the Communist Party in February, 1976.

From a recent phone call to Moscow from the home of Mrs. Intrator the Stiglicks learned of their cousin's arrest on charges of "malicious avoidance of payment of alimony or maintenance for children" and "systematically engaging in vagrancy or in begging and also over a long period of time leading another parasitic form of life."

The charges are clearly fabricated, Mrs. Intrator said, since Shchiglick had told her that he had worked for 36 years and that only 25 years of work are required before becoming eligible for a pension.

"He is living on the savings of his honest labor," Mrs. Intrator stated.

As for the claim that he owes alimony, Mrs. Intrator explained that Shchiglick had paid his ex-wife the entire amount "and even kept giving her more money than he had to." In fact, she did not appear on the scene at all until recently when, under a law in which a person can refuse permission for an ex-spouse to emigrate if money is owing, "she suddenly claimed that he owes her money."

Mrs. Isbester volunteered to alert former Progressive Conservative External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald about the case; Mrs. Simpson, a member of Amnesty International, agreed that "this kind of protest has an effect" and Dr. Hudecki said he would ask the external affairs department to intercede on Shchiglick's behalf.

Hamilton building sold, first step in move to Dundas

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The Hamilton Jewish Community Centre has been sold, subject to community approval.

A notice was sent out by JCC president Abe Szpirglass calling for a community-wide meeting on this week, "to consider and, if deemed acceptable, confirming and consenting to the sale of the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre."

The building is owned by Hamilton Jewish Communal Projects Incorporated and anyone who has contributed a minimum of $10 to the Welfare Fund in the current year is automatically considered a member. But little, if any, opposition is expected to the sale, which has been rumored for some time.

A search is now on for suitable premises to house the three agencies — the Hamilton Jewish Federation, Jewish Social Services and the JCC office — until a new centre is built.

The centre, known officially as the Jacob N. Goldblatt Memorial Building, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in November, has been bought by the Maranatha Missionary Bible Church, a small religious group, for $510,000. The group wants to use it as a school and "our information is that they are pro-Zionist," said Szpirglass. If approved, the closing date will be Dec. 29.

The sale of the building marks the first step in the centre's move to the west end, where the majority of Hamilton's Jews now live.

A committee under the chairmanship of Mel Gunn, who earlier this year received the Jewish Welfare Board's new Leadership Recognition award at its biennial convention in Los Angeles, has been actively searching for a suitable property for the past couple of years.

The latest proposal is for a site of close to six acres in Dundas, just beyond the western city limits, a conveniently central location for most members of the community.

"We may be in a position soon to make an offer," stated Szpirglass, who was to take a group of board members to view the property on a recent Sunday morning.

Although a number of JCC programs have already been moved to west end locations in the past two or three years in accordance with recommendations made in several studies undertaken in the community, the final decision regarding the relocation of the JCC hinged on the sale of the old building. If the community approves, as it is expected to do, according to both Szpirglass and JCC executive director Sam Brownstone, the move is on.

For Brownstone, who has spent his entire working life with the JCC and for whom his own 30th anniversary comes only a few months after that of the building, this is a nostalgic time.

"It's getting around the community that we are actually moving," he noted, adding that "we will go out with a bang" and that he is planning a nostalgia week for November.

He is already going through files searching out old photographs to be included in a display that will be part of an exhibit planned for Harves-Trek, Hamilton's ethnic folk festival held annually over the Thanksgiving weekend and in which the Jewish community will be participating for the first time this year.

It will be the biggest function at the centre in many years and, with nostalgia week, the last.

Mindy Segal, at work.

Promotes skin care

TORONTO — After four years of living and working in Israel, Mindy Segal has returned to Canada to promote Israeli skin care products.

Mindy, who says she has had extensive experience in Montreal and Tel Aviv, will be handling an Israeli skin care line in Toronto. This line is non-chemical and, according to Mindy, "is more compatible to all skin chemistry." The products are marketed under the brand name RVA and "provide minerals and vitamins which the skin needs."

She will be operating under the name of Mindy's Rainbow and will be available for home demonstrations, organizations, weddings and bar mitzvahs. She will specialize in complete makeup and a full skin line program.

Segal is convinced of the high quality of Israeli cosmetic products and states that "I see this as a small contribution of my own to help promote Israeli products and help Israel's economy . . . we must all do our share to help."

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An Open Letter To The Jewish Community Of Ontario

If you're Jewish and unattached;
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If you're in the springtime, summer or autumn of your years;
If you're single, widowed or divorced;
If you'd like to meet compatible Jewish people of the opposite sex, whether for friendship, sharing of mutual interests, emotional involvement, or with the possibility of marriage in mind;
Or, if you're the parent of someone in the above categories,

We Need Your Help, And We Think You Could Benefit From Ours!

According to participants in the Toronto Jewish Singles Seminar about a year ago, there are some 20,000 of you out there; and it's obvious that there's an acute shortage of effective non-geographic meeting grounds or mating grounds for Jewish singles in our increasingly rootless and lonely society.

We think the community is in dire need of a *free, non-profit, anonymous, non-institutional, non-judgmental, supportive* matching service, to offer a screening method which would fill the void now only partially and inadequately filled by interest groups, singles bars, disco dances, synagogue groups, commercial agencies, etc. It will offer, after matching, various options for introductions, according to individual preferences.

A trial period of two years' operation would indicate whether the plan can succeed in its goal of extensively introducing Jews to Jews; of providing open-ended and acceptable approach facilities for marriage-minded or simply lonely individuals.

The estimated cost of this trial is about $125,000, which will be raised, it is hoped, mostly from up-front donations of $10,000 or more each from Jewish philanthropists in Ontario, whose participation we earnestly solicit. (Obviously, smaller donations of whatever size from anyone will be equally welcome.) The donations will be tax-deductible, since this agency will operate under the umbrella of a charitable organization; and your cheques will be held in escrow until the full $125,000 is obtained, failing which they will be returned to the donors, and the scheme will be abandoned.

Since it is essential that we know the extent of financial commitment which the community is prepared to make, time is of the essence. The deadline for raising the necessary funds has been set at November 7, 1980. Please forward your cheque, which will remain in the possession of the escrow agent, as indicated below, until that date. Weekly updates of the progress of the fund will be published in the "Personals" column of this newspaper.

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If you wish further information on how all of this came about, or if you would like to volunteer your services as well as your money, call me at **922–6698**. A list of some of the individuals who have been involved in the discussions or planning, and who support this concept, is appended below.

Dr. Bill Goodman
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Ida Abrams – family case worker
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Berte Rubin – adult educator
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North American Conference of the Friends of the Hebrew University

October 9, 10, 11, 12
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AVRAHAM HARMAN

Mr. Avraham Harman has served as President of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem since March of 1968.

He was Israel's first Consul-General in Montreal, and was Counsellor and Head of Israel's Office of Information in the United States as part of Israel's UN Delegation. He also served as Israel's Consul-General in New York. Mr. Harman returned to Jerusalem in 1955 to become Assistant Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. He was elected to the Jewish Agency Executive and from September 1959 through February 1968, Mr. Harman served as Israel's Ambassador to Washington.

Mr. Harman will address the Conference on Thursday, October 9th at the Opening Dinner on the topic "The Hebrew University in the 80's".

SIMCHA DINITZ

Mr. Dinitz, Israel's former Ambassador to the United States is now Vice-President at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Mr. Dinitz has held key assignments in Jerusalem and on the international scene since 1951. He served as Minister of Italy, delegate to the United Nations, and Minister of Information at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, arriving in the U.S. only days before the Yom Kippur War. He served through the Sinai I Negotiations of 1974, the Sinai II Negotiations of 1975, and the crucial steps toward an understanding at Camp David.

Simcha Dinitz served Golda Meir, as her prime advisor and personal companion through most of her period as foreign minister in the mid-sixties and when she became prime minister.

Mr. Dinitz will moderate a panel discussion on Friday morning October 10th from 9 to 11:30 A.M. on "The Middle East—Where Are We Headed?"

BERNARD CHERRICK

Bernard Cherrick is one of the outstanding public speakers in Jewish life today.

He has been associated with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since he settled in Palestine in 1947. He has occupied various senior posts at the University and is a member of its major policy committees. He was elected Vice-President in 1968. He is Chairman of the Israel Academic Committee, and Vice-President of the International Association of University Presidents.

In recent years, Mr. Cherrick has lectured extensively on behalf of the Hebrew University, and as an interpreter of the Israeli scene in the United States and Canada, South Africa, Great Britain and Latin America. He has also lectured widely at universities and to civic organizations.

Mr. Cherrick will address the closing Brunch of the Conference on Sunday, October 12th at 11:30 A.M.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By Miriam Herman

CONFERENCE POSTPONED

The conference of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Ontario region originally scheduled for Oct. 19 has been postponed until a date in December.

VANCOUVER DATELINE

Representatives from the Vancouver area's Jewish libraries met recently to discuss the formation of a Jewish library committee, commited to improving the organization, circulation and use of the city's numerous libraries of Judaica. The group is presently planning the preparation of a central catalogue so that the location of materials will be easy and centralized. Included in the committee, under the present chairmanship of **Seymour Levitan**, are the libraries of Congregations Beth Israel, Schara Tzedek, and Temple Shalom, Chabad, the Talmud Torah day school and Peretz School where the city's Yiddish holdings are concentrated. Congress is giving its support to this effort.

Phyllis Solomon has been appointed executive director of the Pacific Region of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Assistant CJC-Pacific Region Executive Director **Jean Gerber** has been appointed Canadian public affairs chairman of the Beth Israel Sisterhood. Her task will be to report on matters of interest to Canadian Jewry at monthly meetings and encourage action responses to matters of concern, locally and nationally.

STUDENTS' WEEKEND CONFERENCE

The Central Region (Ontario) of the North American Jewish Students Network, in conjunction with the Canadian Universities Bureau (CUB), has scheduled its annual conference for the weekend of Oct. 10-12 at Camp Reena in Orangeville. This conference, which expects some 80 participants, is designed to bring together Jewish students from diverse backgrounds and levels of activity, to educate them about Jewish issues and campus organizing. (Topics include Israel and Zionism, oppressed Jewish communities, Canadian Jewry and student activism in the 80s. Application forms are available from local campus Jewish groups or from Network and CUB, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, M5S 2J2. The number is 928-9160.

FREE NOON HOUR CONCERTS

Erica Goodman

A short welcoming note by Toronto **Mayor John Sewell** will officially launch CBC Festival Toronto's free noon hour concert series on Wednesday, Oct. 1. This opening concert features Trio Toronto — harpist **Erica Goodman**, flutist **Virginia Markson**, and cellist **David Miller**. The five-concert series, held every Wednesday in October from 12 noon 1 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Trinity Square, presents a cross-section of some of Canada's outstanding performers. No tickets are needed. All five concerts will be recorded for future broadcast on "Music Around Us," CBC stereo, 94.1, Saturday at 5.05 p.m.

EVENING OF ART

Temple Emanu-El's evening of art is set for Saturday, Oct. 4, at the temple. It begins with a champagne preview at 7.30, followed by the gala auction at 9. Up for bids will be graphics, watercolors and sculptures by renowned artists. As a special attraction there will be an early bird silent auction at 7.30, a collector's corner and additional museum quality art. For more details, call **Barbara Goldman** at 225-4091.

FALL FASHION SHOW

For a look at what's new in the fashion world, circle Sunday, Oct. 5, on your calendar. That's the date of the fall fashion show by Anjene, staged by Rishon Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO at the World Trade Centre, 60 Harbour St. (between York and Bay). Luncheon is at 12 noon with the show at 2.

SINGLES EVENTS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Adults (19-25) have arranged an opening brunch general meeting for Sunday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. New members welcome.

Also on Sunday, Sept. 28, there's an open brunch for singles 25-35 at the Jewish Community Centre south branch, 750 Spadina Ave., at 11.30 a.m. in the succah (in case of rain it moves indoors.) RSVP by calling 924-6211.

FOR JEWISH HEARING IMPAIRED

The Jewish hearing impaired and their families will be joining together for a Succot celebration on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 5-9 p.m. at the Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. There will be refreshments, disco and Jewish dancing on a wooden floor specially constructed to pick up vibrations. There is no charge. This project is co-ordinated by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, in co-operation with Baycrest Centre, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, B'nai B'rith, Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, Jewish Community Centre and North American Jewish Students Network.

A 10-week beginner's sign language class will begin Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Council House, from 7.30-9 p.m. with teacher **William Mayfield.**

For further information about the Succot celebration or the sign language classes, call 633-5100.

CREATIVE WRITING COURSE

If creative writing is a field that has beckoned for many years, look into the creative writing course offered by York University's Centre for Continuing Education, beginning this month. This course encourages participants to work from their own life experiences, interest and insights to express themselves in writing through letters, poetry, short stories, plays and novels. Counsel regarding marketing techniques and next steps is also offered. Course instructor is **Ed Parker**. For information, call the university at 667-2502.

FOR SENIORS

At the Wagman Centre — On Sunday, Sept. 28, there's a dance arranged by the Wagman Centre Senior Club of Immigrants from the Soviet Union in the assembly room from 7.30-11 p.m. . . . On Tuesday, the 30th, the Seniors Over 60 Choir, conducted by **Eldon Brethour**, will be entertaining from 7.30-8.30 p.m. also in the assembly room.

The Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club's Simchat Torah opening luncheon takes place Sunday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. at the synagogue. There will be a concert featuring singer **Eva Fishman,** musician **Morris Turk** and pianist **Faigala Gartner.** Guests are welcome to come and spend an entertaining afternoon with the group.

The Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club meeting on Monday, Sept. 29, presents a Succot program with a concert by **Cantor Harold Klein**. That's at 12.30 p.m. at the synagogue.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club is meeting at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 30, for lunch and entertainment by **Cantor Harry Jacobs** and humorist **Philip Cohen**. It all takes place at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. And there are a few spaces still available for the Miami trip. For information, contact **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Also on Tuesday, the 30th, the Beth Sholom Seniors are having Chol Hamoed Succot services at 9 a.m., followed by breakfast with guest speaker **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**.

The Ontario Film Theatre at the Ontario Science Centre is screening a series of musicals (one of them is "Fiddler on the Roof") for senior citizens every Wednesday afternoon in October at 12 p.m. and 2.30. Admission is free (with government card). For information, call 429-4100.

ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG

Ambassador Per Anger, the Swedish ambassador to Canada and former first assistant to Raoul Wallenberg (the Swedish diplomat who helped save 100,000 Budapest Jews from the Nazis) will be guest speaker at the general meeting of Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 7.30 p.m. at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. His topic — "My Journey Through Terror with Raoul Wallenberg, the Righteous Gentile."

VOLUNTEERS FOR UNICEF

During the fall months UNICEF Ontario conducts its major fund raising programs on behalf of the children of the developing world. Volunteers are needed to perform the various tasks necessary to raise funds through the annual Hallowe'en for UNICEF and greeting card campaigns which are now in full swing. If you are interested, contact the UNICEF office at 38 Berwick Ave., Toronto, M5P 1H1, or phone 487-4153.

ANNUAL TEA

The Sinai Service Group is having its annual tea in aid of cancer research at the home of **Lillian Sharp**, 2515 Bathurst St., penthouse, on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 1-5 p.m. President of the group is **Rose Friedman**.

PLEASE BRING MATERIAL TO OFFICE

Because of the uncertainty of the mail delivery, we suggest that you bring your material into the office for the next couple of weeks until the mail situation is settled.

CLINIC DAY

"Update in Endocrinology and Metabolism" is the theme of the third annual clinic day of the Canadian chapter of the Israel Medical Association taking place this Sunday, Sept. 28, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Inn on the Park Centennial Ballroom. Lecturers include **Dr. G. N. Burrow**, professor of medicine, University of Toronto; **Dr. D. M. Nathan**, professor of medicine, Harvard University; **Dr. E. Marliss**, professor of medicine, U of T, and **Dr. J. Parsons**, National Institute of Medical Research, London, Eng. For further information, contact **Dr. R. G. Jose** at 360-4082.

SUCCOT CARNIVAL

Fun for the youngsters is what the Shaarei Shomayim Youth Succot Carnival is all about. It is being held, in conjunction with Bnei Akiva and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue. There will be a special area for the 3-6 year olds, three magic shows, clowns, pony rides, games, prizes and balloons.

PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

A new pre-school play group for children 2-3 years old, starts Oct. 20 at Viewmount Park (Viewmount and Shermount) under auspices of North York Parks and Recreation. It will run for 13 weeks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.15 to 11.45, through to Jan. 22. This is a co-operative venture which means parents are expected to give it some time. For registration and information, call **Kyle Holder** at 781-2687 or **Esther Rothschild** at 789-5407. (No Saturday calls, please.)

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING

The special guest speaker at the Adath Israel Brotherhood breakfast meeting on Sunday, Sept. 28, is television and movie personality **Harvey Atkin** (camp director "Monty Melnic" in "Meatballs," and "Frank" in beanery commercial). Services begin at 9 a.m. and the speaker at 9.30.

HUMAN AFFAIRS LECTURE

On Monday, Sept. 29, the Centre for Human Affairs, Koffler Centre of the Arts, will be discussing "Birth Order and Its Influence on the Family" with **Skip Perryman**. That's at 1.30-3.30 p.m. For more information about this and other programs, contact **Georgine Nash** at the centre at 636-1880, ext. 33 or 43.

UPCOMING SHALOM PROGRAMS

Keren Hatarbut Institute reminds you to catch these upcoming programs of its MTV "Shalom" program on Channel 47, Cable 4 . . . **Irving Matlow**, chairman of the Toronto chapter of the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel will be discussing the work of the organization on the show that airs Sunday, Sept. 28, at 6.30 p.m. and again on Monday, the 29th at 1 p.m. . . . **Shelly and Yoram**, two well-known Israeli folk singers are appearing on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 6.30 p.m. and a repeat on Monday, the 6th, at 1 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH RALLY

The annual Simchat Torah rally in solidarity with the Jews in the Soviet Union is slated for Sunday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at Nathan Phillips Square. Shlomo Carlebach will be in attendance. Program is sponsored by the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region.

MEDITERRANEAN-DEAD SEA CANAL

Toronto lawyer **Alvin Rosenberg**, chief executive officer of an international consortium for the building of the proposed Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal, will outline the details and significance of this project at a public lecture sponsored by the Canadian Technion Society on Monday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. For more information, you can call 789-4545.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation presents **Dr. Paul Lacy**, Washington University School of Medicine, in a talk on "Islet Cell Transplantation." Meeting is called for 8 p.m. at the Inn on the Park. If you want to know more about it, contact the foundation office at 224-2633.

REENA'S FAMILY FUNDAY

For a day of fun for the whole family, come to Reena's fifth annual family funday at Yorkdale Shopping Centre on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This is your chance to help Reena Foundation help our mentally handicapped citizens — and enjoy a day of prizes, bargains, games, and meeting celebrities at the same time. And you may even be lucky enough to win one of the raffle prizes — a $3,000 shopping spree at Miracle Mart, a micro-wave oven or a color TV.

U.S. Sixth Fleet to visit Haifa

By YITZAKH SHARGIL

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Some 10,000 officers and men of the U.S. Sixth Fleet will spend a week to 10 days in Israel next month when the giant air-craft carrier John F. Kennedy and a flotilla of escorts calls at Haifa on a goodwill visit. The visit is described as the biggest to date by the U.S. Navy to Israel and is seen here as having political and military implications.

While the American embassy declined to comment, it was learned that the visit may be connected with Carter administration plans to bring Israel more closely into the strategic picture in the eastern Mediterranean.

Critics of Carter have suggested that the U.S. was putting too much stress on its new military relations with Egypt and leaving Israel on the sidelines. The call by the huge carrier, scheduled for mid-October, may help dispel that view.

The 80,000 ton JFK will be accompanied by three other combat vessels and a Navy supply ship. The latter will load fresh produce while at Haifa.

The Sixth Fleet has been purchasing supplies in Israel for the past year.

Test for sugar level

JERUSALEM (JNI via CZF information centre)—

Israeli diabetics can measure the level of sugar in their blood with a newly developed device.

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About People

Eeta and Moishe Gross

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Eeta and Moishe Gross involvement in the Labor Zionist Movement goes back to 1930, at least, when **Golda Meir** came to Saskatoon during her tour of Western Canada on behalf of Pioneer Women and the coffee party after that inaugural meeting was held at their home. Now, a half-century later, the Grosses are still dedicated to the cause. So much so that when they celebrated their 60th anniversary at an open house reception at their daughter's home in Toronto recently, they requested, that in lieu of gifts, contributions should be made to the Amal Scholarship Fund for the benefit of umderpriviledged youngsters in Israel. The eight scholarships awarded in their name will provide young people with the opportunity to learn skills and trades at the Amal Vocational Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1921, settling in Saskatoon where Mr. Gross was in the grocery business. For over 50 years (until his retirement and they moved to Toronto) the couple were leading members of the Saskatoon Jewish community. Mr. Gross held executive positions in the Chevra Kadisha, the Loan Society and Histadrut. Mrs. Gross matched her husband's activities by her involvement in Pioneer Women. Their son, **Sam Gross,** is the current chairman of the Israel Histadrut Campaign there.

Their two daughters and sons-in-law, **Lottie and Sam Rose** and **Deena and Harold Baumander,** live in Toronto. There are nine grandchildren.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM YOUTH DIRECTOR

Zerach and Shelly Greenfield and their three children are making aliya at the end of this month and will be living in M'Vasseret Tzion, just outside of Jerusalem. New York-born and educated (with some time spent at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Zerach has been youth director of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue for the past 3½ years and also served as director of Mizrachi and of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth and as a teacher at Or Chaim during his stay in Toronto . . .

Stepping into his spot at Shaarei Shomayim is **Amram Bendahan** who was born in Morocco, moved to Montreal with his parents at the age of eight and then went on to New York eight years later to study at a yeshiva. A one-time caterer and negative matcher, he worked for NCSY, first on a part-time and then on a full-time basis. Last year Amram went to Atlanta to teach at a yeshiva in a mechina program. And that's where he met **Donna Sabetal**, youth director at Atlanta's Congregation Beth Jacob. They were married three months ago and are now apartment hunting in Toronto.

NEW WORKS BY PAT ALPERT

An exhibition of new works by Toronto artist **Pat Alpert** opened at the Estee Gallery, 198½ Davenport Rd., this week for a run through to Oct. 15. On view are 26 of the artist's mixed media line drawings on paper. Since her last exhibit at the Estee Gallery three years ago, Pat Alpert has had successful solo exibitions in New York and Baltimore and has participated in several group shows in Canada and the United States.

LAUNCHING THIRD ALBUM

Juno Award winners **Sharon, Lois & Bram** (in private life known as **Sharon Hampson, Lois Lilenstein** and **Bram Morrison**) are celebrating the launching of their third album, "Singing 'n Swinging" by presenting a weekend of family concerts, Sept. 27 and 28, at Minkler Auditorium of Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E. Songs from the new record as well as old favorites from "One Elephant, Deux Elephant" and "Smorgasbord" will be featured. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Minkler box office at 491-8877 and all Bass outlets at 698-2277.

JOINS NEW PR FIRM

Freelance publicist and writer **Linda Shapiro** has joined a new public relations firm for the entertainment industry, David Novek Asociates Inc., as a vice-president. A freelancer with The CJN a few years back, and editor of "Yesterday's Toronto" published by Coles Publishing Company, Ms. Shapiro has been much involved in the PR end of the movie industry, doing work for the National Film Board and several private film companies. She was a member of Canada's delegation to the Cannes Film Festival for four years.

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Rivka Golani-Erdesz is recognized as one of the finest viola players in the world. She can be heard on three CBC shows to be aired in the near future.

Violist was famous in Israel for maths and art brilliance

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

The year is 1972, and the beautiful, young Israeli violist is in New York City as part of a tour with the Israeli Philharmonic.

A friend of the violist — a cellist in the same orchestra — is looking for a viola for his child and the violist agrees to try one out for him.

The two Israelis walk into a tiny studio owned by Otto Erdesz, the most famous and talented viola maker in the world, to try out his violas. When Erdesz sees the beautiful Israeli violist he says he is going to marry her. He doesn't tell her that, but he does tell the cellist.

Two weeks later, the violist has returned to Israel, and a little while later, Otto arrives in that country in pursuit of her. That young violist, Rivka Golani, has since married Otto, and is now Rivka Golani-Erdesz. They are both living here, where she is the top violist in the country and he is the finest viola maker in the world.

(In fact, Otto and Rivka are both seen in David Fine's documentary "Viola," which is the story of making violas.)

Rivka tells a visitor to her home, "I had to marry Otto. I was scared of what would happen to me if I didn't."

She isn't serious when she makes the statement, but instead reveals a little bit of her self-effacing sense of humor. She says she had known about her husband for many years before she first met him in New York. "In 1969, I starved so I could buy one of Otto's violas," Rivka says. "I paid $1,500 for it then and you know what an Israeli pound is worth."

Rivka and Otto have been in Toronto for five years now and she says she misses Israel a great deal, but makes it back at least once a year to her parent's home in Ramat Gan.

In Israel, Rivka is still well known because she has been making headlines in the Israeli papers for most of her life. "In school I was very interested in mathematics," Rivka says. "I also started painting and playing violin."

In fact, by the time she had finished high school, Rivka had already held two highly successful art exhibitions in Israel. And she tells The CJN that she had a very difficult time deciding whether to become a full-time artist, violist or mathematician.

She was quite brilliant in math, solving problems that few university professors could solve, but she decided to combine her music and art career. "I wanted to specialize, so I really couldn't have three careers because I didn't want to be mediocre."

Rivka never believed she was talented. "Nothing could convince me," she said.

"I knew I was different, but everybody is different."

During a typical year, Rivka travels throughout the world presenting more than 40 concerts a year as a soloist.

In the next month, Rivka will be part of three CBC concerts. On Sept. 28, at 8.05 p.m., she will be featured on CBC FM's "Two New Hours." Then on Sept. 30, Rivka, Daniel Domb (cello) and Steven Staryk (violin) will all be soloists during the North American premiere of Sir Michael Tippett's Triple Concerto.

Also, on Oct. 14, Rivka will be part of the new CBC Toronto String Quartet that will be heard at 8 p.m.

Election's verbal tightrope

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Traditionally, Israel ambassadors in Washington have found themselves in awkward situations during presidential campaigns. By trying to avoid accusations of improper interference in U.S. domestic politics, they have invariably fanned the flames of partisanship, angering all sides.

Israeli ambassador Ephraim Evron, speaking at the recent B'nai B'rith International 30th general convention at Washington's Sheraton Hotel, walked the diplomatic tightrope between the platforms of the three major presidential candidates. In the view of many of the 1,000 delegates assembled from 42 countries, he came precariously close to falling off.

The Israeli envoy, in a carefully phrased diplomatic review of U.S.-Israel relations, stressed the positive aspects, including the massive amounts of U.S. military and economic aid to Israel received during the Carter administration. Reagan and Anderson supporters, in attendance to hear their candidates and Carter speak at the convention, charged that Evron's remarks were slanted in favor of Carter's re-election.

Evron, however, strongly denied that charge. He pointed out that he had stressed the "bipartisan" nature of U.S. support for Israel over the years.

"It was an endorsement of Carter's candidacy," complained Dr. Joseph Churba, president of the Centre for International Security in Washington and a Reagan foreign policy advisor. Churba, who said he was speaking privately, sat through the lengthy Evron speech.

That charge was echoed by Zev Furst, who works for Anderson. "I think the way the ambassador handled himself was not helpful to Israel," he said. Furst was furious that Evron sat on the dais during the Carter and Reagan speeches, but was absent when Anderson spoke. The number two man at the Israeli Embassy, Ya'acov Nechushtan, came to hear Anderson.

After explaining his "deep disappointment" in the failure of the Carter administration to veto the anti-Israel resolution at the UN, Evron went on to insist that the "bright sides" of the U.S.-Israeli relationship "by far are greater" than the negative.

He said that Israel might not have been able to survive without the more than $22 billion in U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel over the past 30 years. He was applauded when he pointed out that some $10 billion of that total came "at the instigation" of the Carter administration.

Evron also said that those observers predicting that the U.S. will embark on renewed pressure against Israel following the November election are "terribly wrong." He insisted that the solid nature of U.S.-Israeli ties will remain intact irrespective of who sits in the White House. "Look at other Novembers," he said.

So far, the Carter supporters seem least perturbed. Commented New York lawyer Leon Charney, a Carter backer: "Evron was simply stating facts and should not be criticized. He did not endorse Carter. But if the facts endorse the President, so be it."

Posthumous book arouses interest

TEL AVIV (JNI via CZF information centre)—

"Kelim Shlovim," ("Communications Link"), Yigal Allon's posthumous book published just before Rosh Hashanah, is arousing much interest in Israel.

In the introduction, Allon looks at problems in Israeli society and, as a remedy, suggests a return to the basic values of Zionsim — social justice, dialogue with the Arabs and national independence.

Allon declares that Zionism is still an experiment and needs "the permanent mobilization of the Jewish people."

The book's title was intended to be a campaign slogan for the upcoming elections and remains a political testament for the former foreign minister and deputy prime minister who died in March. More than anyone, Allon became the symbol of a generation of pioneers which developed into the modern Israeli.

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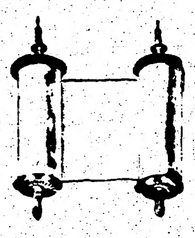

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Succot 5741

A succah is important, an esrog is important — but it's also important to have a good heart.

There was a certain tzadik who owned a precious pair of teffilen that once belonged to the Baal Shem Tov. He was very poor, and the tefillen were the only item of value he owned.

One Succot there were no esrogim to be had. The tzadik heard that in a nearby town there was an esrog available, but the owner was demanding a high price. The tzadik sold the teffilon, and with the proceeds bought the esrog.

When his wife discovered what he had done, she was furious. Bad enough that he sold the precious tefillen, but the children were dressed in rags, and he went out and spent the money on an esrog! In her anger she threw the esrog, breaking its pittum and making it posul.

When the tzaddik saw what she had done, he said to himself: "My tefillen are sold, my esrog is posul — but if I get angry at my wife, I'll be sad for Yom Tov and even lose the mitzvah of enjoying the holiday!" With a calm joy, he welcomed the holiday.

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On Succot, a Jew makes his succah his home. There he eats, he drinks, he welcomes guests — if possible, even sleeps. When you sit in a succah, you are surrounded by the Shechina, G-d's holy spirit.

When Reb Mordechai or Lechovitz entered the succah on the first night, he used to fall on the floor, kiss the earth and murmur: "How can this material body of mine step on such a holy mitzvah — of succah!"

It's strange, though — why do we sit in a succah? Because when the Jews left Egypt and wandered through the hot desert, G-d protected them with the ananai hakavod, the "clouds of glory." In rememberance of that, we sit in succot that protect us from the sun.

Asked the brilliant Chidushai Hareem — "Then why don't we sit in succot right away in the month of Nissan, in the spring, when the Jews first left Egypt? Why the fall?" He answered: "When it comes to sitting in the succah, the Torah says — 'l'ma-an yaidu doroteichem . . . that your generations should **know**. . . .' Sitting in a succah is not just plunking oneself down on a bench and eating a piece of challah. Sitting in a succah is immersing one's whole brain, one's very neshama in the knowledge that there is a Ribono shel Olam in the world. He watches, cares and controls everything in our lives!

But how can a Jew know this? Can he know it just by walking off the street? Can he know it when he's mired in sins? When a Jews sins, teach our rabbis, it means that his very brain matter has become stuffed, foolish. First a person has to clear up his mind, he has to do teshuva, he has to rediscover G-d. First there must come a Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur — we have to turn ourselves inside out. Then — only then — can we sit down and appreciate what succah means. . . ." (Yaina shel Torah)

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But a succah also hints at something else — the land of Israel. Said the Vilna Gaon: "There are two mitzvot that a Jew puts his whole body into — the succah, and living in Eretz Yisrael. . . ."

Once when Rabbi Israel of Tchortkov was sitting in his succah it started to rain. He sighed and said: "It's a sign that for a Jew to keep the mitzvah of succah completely, he belongs in Eretz Yisrael. There, the weather is perfect for Succot." And he quoted the verse in Psalms 76:3 — "Vayehi b'shalem succoh. . . . When is G-d's succah complete . . . u'monato b'tziyon — when His dwelling place is in Zion. . . ."

In the merit of our sitting in the succah, may G-d shelter Israel from all her enemies.

Shabbat Shalom and Good Yom Tov.

"Mishpocha Night" planned to secure volunteers

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO — Have you ever considered volunteering your time for activities as varied as from acting as a theatre tour guide to delivering Meals on Wheels to Jewish elderly?

The Jewish Interagency Volunteer Recruitment Council is planning a "Mishpocha Night" at the north Jewish Community Centre on Oct. 7 for presidents and representatives of executives of Jewish organizations, in the hopes of eventually recruiting more volunteers, said Lesley Miller, vice-president of services for National Council of Jewish Women.

Invitations, designed as an announcement welcoming a new addition to the family, will be mailed or hand delivered (depending on the postal situation) to approximately 150 organizations, including youth groups, mutual benefit societies, synagogues, brotherhoods, sisterhoods and Zionist groups, she explained.

She added that the idea behind the program is "to get across (to executive representatives) the need for service volunteers." Afterwards, council representatives will be available to present programs and possibly a videotape of Mishpocha Night, to organization members, to promote the need for volunteers.

"Everybody has things they can share. . . . We need to shift people to where they are most needed," said Miller, stressing that volunteering gives a person "the opportunity to grow."

"There was a time in Toronto when everyone looked after each other," she explained, "but now, with the size of the community and people (living) very far apart," that feeling has been lost. She added that the council wants "to create that feeling of understanding and caring . . . the idea that we are all one."

The program for Mishpocha Night was outlined at a planning meeting last week, with participants from the National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Family and Child Service, Jewish Community Centre, Co-ordinated Services for Jewish Elderly, Baycrest and the Jewish Information Service.

The evening will begin with a welcoming speech by Miller, another speech by Irene Fink, who will introduce a skit in which volunteers from agencies in the council will participate, and then a card game during which people will offer things they can give and take things they need. Miller said the purpose of the game is to show that "we all have needs, we all can give."

There will also be a "carousel" set up, where volunteer co-ordinators will sit at different tables and distribute pamphlets about their agencies.

The council was formed two years ago when it was decided it would be "excellent if, as a group, we could do a combined recruitment of volunteers," explained Miller. Later, it was decided to include two volunteers, as well as one staff person (the volunteer co-ordinator) from the agencies on the council.

Other agencies involved include Jewish Vocational Service, the Reena Foundation, Centre for Creative Living and the chaplaincy of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Mental health centre for adolescents offers diagnosis, treatment, residence

By MARSHA EINES

TORONTO — Centre Shelanu, the mental health centre for Jewish adolescents aged 12 to 19, opened its doors in 1974, and has been expanding and improving its facilities ever since.

The centre, a major program of Jewish Family and Child Service, functions primarily as a diagnosis and treatment facility, but it also operates a residential centre (a six-bed unit) and a school of its own.

Originally run on a private, voluntary basis, Centre Shelanu is now funded entirely by the children services division of the ministry of community and social services. The operation takes care of the needs of 50 families, with 15 students attending the school.

If you have read this far, and have never heard about this organization, don't be surprised. The low profile is partly due to the personality of director Stan Lerner, who is too busy pouring his energy into his work to have much time left for public relations.

Lerner, an MSW, has some trouble sitting still for an interview. He will jump up every few minutes to talk about the centre's new "baby," a renovation project which will expand and update the centre, adding on a whole new wing, including a new patio where teens can "hang out." He proudly folds and unfolds renovation plans, then takes a reporter on a whirlwind tour, explaining the changes in detail.

The teens at Shelanu come from all socio-economic classes. Religiosity, too, varies, but all interested can attend Jewish identity workshops run by social worker Marty Solomon.

Problems range from interpersonal to school to behavioral. Whatever is the matter, Shelanu has the child's interest as its focal point.

"When a young person comes in here," explains Lerner, "we ask, 'What do **you** want to do?' If he doesn't take charge of his life, someone else will (the legal system, for instance). He must be party to the planning process of his own life."

Lerner expresses the centre's philosophy in this way: "If a child has a problem, it's not just the problem of the individual; his family has a problem, the community has a problem . . ."

By exposing teens to the community as much as possible, Centre Shelanu hopes to make them functioning members of the world at large. Last year at Chanukah, for example, a performance of "Rocky Horror on the Roof" had Baycrest residents laughing. Thus, the "real world" takes part in the healing process.

Youngsters also take advantage of Meridian Properties' nearby squash court and pool, and the Jewish Community Centre's facilities. The summer offers opportunities for camp and trips.

"We try not to save kids from society's rules. They learn the responsibilities of being part of the community," said Marty.

The residence is, in fact, a microcosm of the world, where young people do their own shopping, cleaning, cooking, washing and gardening, with staff guidance. This "total approach" extends to every part of the centre's well-oiled machinery, including a 24-hour emergency worker. From diagnosis of an adolescent (psychiatrist Sol Goldstein and psychologist Paul Lerner are on hand) right up to aftercare — with an outreach program for home and school — Centre Shelanu is involved in the welfare of the individual and his family.

And adolsecents really **are** individuals here. A poster on a wall articulates the crazy logic of Alice in Wonderland:

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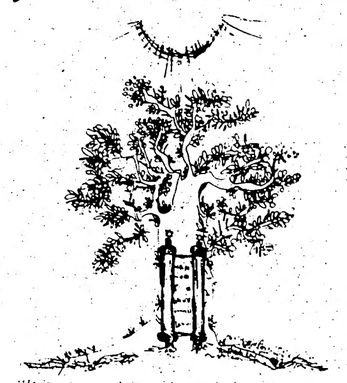

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By MOURA WOLPERT

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Salsberg outlined Israel's vital needs and world Jewry's concern with survival in the face of an increasingly hostile world. He spoke of his own hopes and aspirations for Israel's future and asked the Jews of Sault Ste. Marie to support Israel not only financially but in every other way possible.

Salsberg, who had visited here many years ago, expressed his delight at the progress both the city and the Jewish community have made in the past 35 years.

After making his own personal commitment, campaign chairman Frank Richardson appealed not only for increased gifts for the general campaign but also on behalf of Project Renewal.

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Morley Binstock and his wife chat with Jacques Torczyner. [Leo Hausman photo]

Widespread anti-semitism now said worse than before Holocaust

TORONTO —

Jacques Torczyner, a leader in the Zionist movement for more than 30 years and past president of the Zionist Organization of America, issued a strong warning to the Jewish community at a recent gathering on behalf of State of Israel Bonds.

"The world and Jews are forgetting the Holocaust," Torczyner told the group of 50 assembled at a Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith cocktail reception honoring Isaac and Helen Jesin. "The resurgence of anti-semitism is worse than that of before the Holocaust.

"Nobody in the 1930s believed what was about to happen. Now, with the way the world is treating Israel, we have to take precautions."

Torczyner gave factual evidence of how petrodollars have affected policy toward Israel, delineating the process by which Israel has become more and more isolated in the international community. He then hypothesized what could occur after the U.S. presidential election.

"Jimmy Carter has been a friend to us during the Camp David peace talks," Torczyner said, "but if he wins the election he will be pro-Arab because of the petrodollar influence.

"Reagan is a friend of Israel. He signed a petition for a Jewish state in Palestine when he was only 14 years old. Even so, his election would mean that we would have to wait about six months before he could get involved.

"Therefore, Israel has to help itself," he said, calling for support of the Israel Bond campaign. "She has had far greater achievements because of the funds provided. We have no choice but to strengthen her economically so that she may cope with this world assault."

Shul features extensive adult classes

TORONTO —

Beth Tzedec synagogue is planning a bountiful fall harvest of adult Jewish studies as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations.

Courses will be in English, Hebrew and French on a variety of subjects which include modern Jewish thinkers, the literature of Elie Wiesel, the religious and social dimensions of marriage as well as Torah, Talmud, conversational Hebrew and Jewish life studies.

On Monday evenings starting Oct. 6, five different courses will be available:

(1) Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg begins the fall curriculum at 7.45 p.m. with an introduction to the Talmud, a course designed to show the way Jewish law evolves. The tractate will be analyzed.

(2) Beth Tzedec's new cantor, Paul Kowarsky, joins the Beth Midrash faculty and will give a course entitled Vocabulary of Jewish Living at 8 p.m. The subject matter includes basic Jewish beliefs and concepts arranged around an alphabetical survey of Jewish life.

(3) Robert Binder, associate rabbi at Beth Tzedec, will give a course on the fourth book of the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Numbers, at 8 p.m. Principal themes in Numbers will be analyzed. Rabbi Binder is also co-ordinating a Hebrew literacy program at the synagogue. People who know little or no Hebrew who would like to read the prayer book with greater ease should register with Rabbi Binder. A tutorial system of instruction will be arranged.

(4) The regular Hebrew conversation classes for beginners, taught by Mrs. Yael Gordon, a Toronto language specialist and journalist, will be held at 8 p.m.

(5) A new course called The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage is offered by Rabbi Friedberg at 9 p.m. The course will focus on the institution from a Jewish perspective.

On Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. beginning Oct. 7, four new courses in Bible, Jewish literature and modern thought will be presented.

(1) For the first time, Beth Tzedec will offer a course taught in French. Prof. Arnold Ages of the University of Waterloo will offer L'Oeuvre d'Elie Wiesel, a survey of Wiesel's major themes. Wiesel himself will address the class in French and students will have an opportunity to discuss Wiesel's works with the author.

(2) Prof. Frank Talmage, of the University of Toronto, looks at Adam and Eve in Jewish Tradition. Midrashic and other rabbinic sources will be studied for interpretations of Jewish tradition on episodes such as the Garden of Eden and the loss of innocence.

(3) Rabbi Martin Lockshin of York University will be teaching his P'Shat Ve'Hallacha (The Letter and The Law) in Hebrew. The course addresses the tension in Jewish exegetical traditions between the simple meaning of the text and its halachic dimensions. Selections from the Torah within the rabbinic framework will be analyzed to demonstrate this problem.

(4) Modern Jewish Thinkers is the title of a course offered by Rabbi Irwin Witty of the Board of Jewish Education at 8 p.m. Representative texts from major Jewish thinkers in the past 100 years will highlight the ideologies of Zionist, Bundist, Yiddishist and secularist spokesmen.

On Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. only one course, Intermediate Hebrew Conversation, taught by Mrs. Yael Gordon, will be given.

For information about courses, call the synagogue office 781-3511.

TJC leadership award is won by Sheldon Sper

TORONTO —

For someone whose parents had never been involved in Jewish communal activities, Sheldon Sper has jumped in with both feet since he became a resident of Toronto 10 years ago.

Sper has been named the 1980 recipient of the Toronto Jewish Congress Leadership Development Award, which will be presented to him at the TJC annual meeting early next year.

Sheldon Sper was born in Buffalo and grew up in Rochester, N.Y., where he attended university before heading for further studies at the University of Minnesota and Cologne. He has a doctorate in Linguistics and Anthropology.

He joined the faculty at the University of Toronto in 1970 and taught there for four years before deciding to branch out on his own. He became interested in brokerage and investment real estate, and since, as he puts it, "I was looked on as something of a 'maven' by friends who sought my advice when they were ready to purchase a home, I decided to make real estate my career."

Six years ago he formed Essay Realty Ltd. The name, he explains, derives from his and his wife Anna's initials.

He first became involved in Toronto's Jewish communal life when he was asked to help out as a canvasser for the United Jewish Appeal campaign. "Only then did I become aware of the needs and suddenly found myself doing all sorts of things," he said. "I've always had an historic interest in world Jewry and this exposure just heightened that interest."

In addition to canvassing, Sper addressed a number of Young Leadership orientation groups to get them involved in canvassing.

"That's a good way to separate the ambivalent and unsure from the committed," he said. "They think they've discharged their obligations by attending meetings and licking envelopes.

Sheldon Sper

Obviously, Sheldon Sper does more than attend meetings and lick envelopes. For the past two years he has been a co-chairman of the UJA Young Executives division, which has been setting records in its fund-raising endevors. In the 1981 campaign, Sper, along with his co-chairman Barry Tissenbaum, will head a new project for the men's campaign — a canvasser training program.

"There are no set rules in canvassing," he explained. "You play every situation as an individual case. What we will try to do is set up a framework to help guide the canvasser."

Last year Sper made his first trip to Israel as a member of the Toronto UJA Prime Minister's Mission, which he says, gave him a "tremendous shot in the arm," providing a whole new perspective to work from.

Sper is a member of the board of several agencies including Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, the TJC Social Planning Committee, and his favorites, Toronto Hebrew Re-establishment Services and Loan Cassa.

Asked why he enjoys the two latter agencies the most, Sper replied: "Helping someone to become independent is the most gratifying aspect of community involvement."

During the past year he has been chairing a study committee on the Jewish Camp Council.

At 41, he considers himself an "old-timer" in Toronto's Jewish communal life. The TJC committee which cited him for the leadership award obviously feels there's much more to come from Sheldon Sper.

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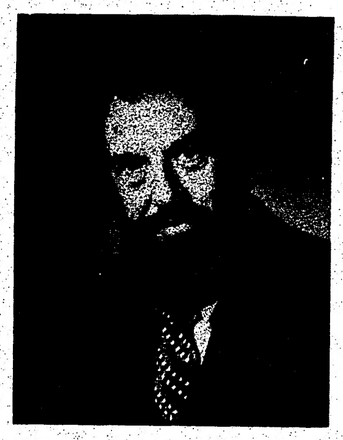

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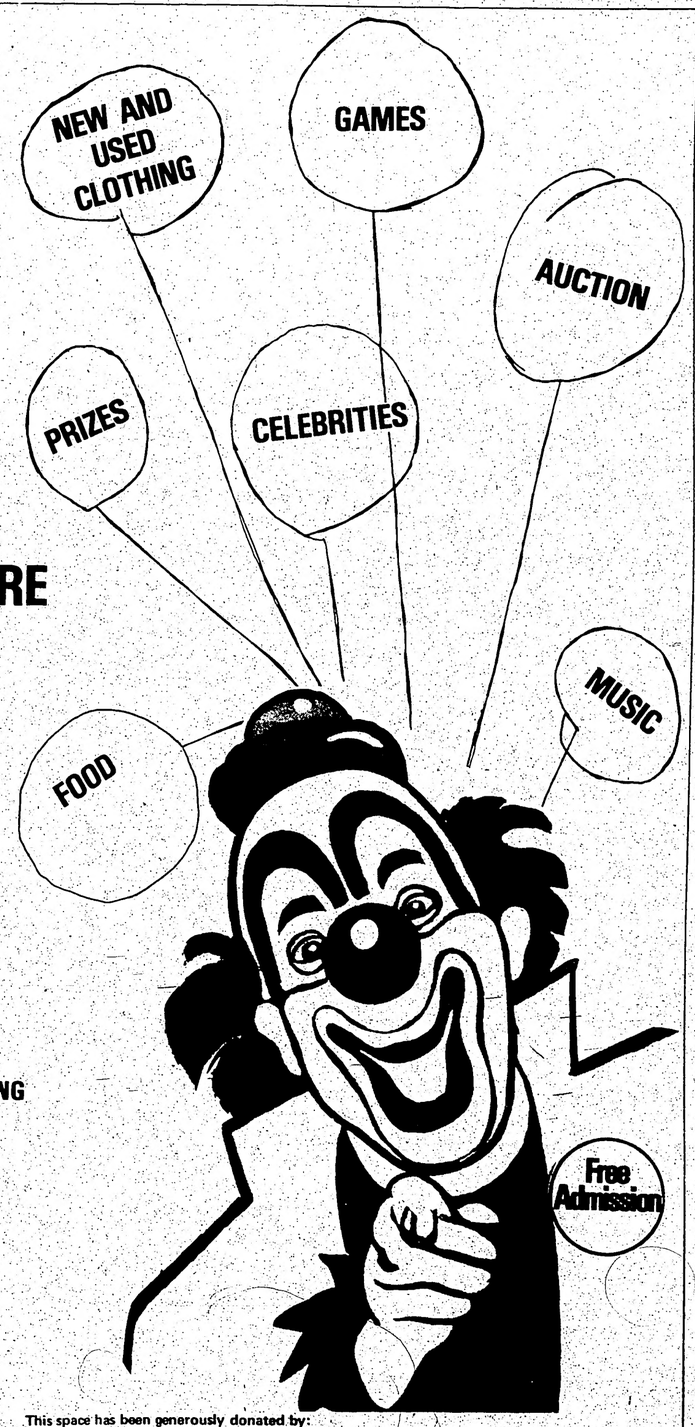

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Organizations and People

Sharon Gray: a political professional who yearns for action

By BEVERLEY STERN

In Toronto for a National Council of Jewish Women seminar on pensions for women, Sharon Gray, wife of Herb Gray, minister of industry, trade and commerce, was interviewed by The CJN for its series on women in the professions.

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TORONTO —

Roll back the cameras to the decade of the 60s, specifically the year 1966. Pan to the University of McGill campus in Montreal. The era of the Quiet Revolution has made its impact. The words "maitre chez nous" — masters in our own house — shape the issues for the student election that's now going on.

Closeup now of Sharon Sholzberg, staunch Liberal Party member since age 18, and first female law student to run for president of the student body at McGill.

At the age of 23, she succeeds as the first woman ever to crack open a vaunted male tradition of male student presidents on the staid McGill campus. Some of her friends and supporters are Stuart Smith, now leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and Irwin Cotler, now Canadian Jewish Congress president, civil rights lawyer and law professor.

It was her first taste of success at the polls — "and I loved it," she recalls. Loved it well enough in fact to make politics the central vehicle for her developing social concerns about youth, women and the aged, and her Weltanschaaung of federalism and economic nationalism.

In 1968, after a friendship that began at a Liberal convention, she married Herb Gray, a Liberal Member of Parliament from Windsor, and not too long after swung into action as his campaign manager.

"The first four years of our marriage were hectic. Besides politicking for Herb, I was also busy academically. Athough I had my science and law degree from McGill and a Masters in Law from the University of Ottawa, I felt I missed out in general arts, so I went back for a B.A. at Sir George Williams."

Later, work on her doctorate in constitutional law was put aside with the arrival of two children, now age eight and five.

Her career in limbo, Sharon looked for volunteer involvement and found it on a government committee for the status of women on the Privy Council, and later with the National Council of Jewish Women in Ottawa.

Family responsibilities kept her from managing Herb's campaign in 1972 and 1974 — although she did help out — but by 1976 she was already itching for a little action, she says.

Entering Canadian federal politics, she tried to win the Liberal nomination in her riding of Ottawa Carleton, but lost.

Commenting on why she ran, she says: "I feel strongly that more women should become involved in politics, particularly young mothers. They bring a certain perspective on social issues that needs more attention politically.

During her campaign to get nominated, she became accustomed to having people ask her how a "young mother with children could run for parliament." Her stock answer was that "no one ever asked my husband that question."

Asserting that she understood the apprehensions expressed about the ability of a busy mother to properly represent the

Sharon Gray

constituency, she also told her detractors that she knew what she could handle.

"I've always juggled schedules. There's a lot of flexibility in being an MP. I can do work when the children are asleep, and most of all, my husband was supportive."

Despite long, unconventional hours, the Grays find time for each other. Sharon pops into her husband's office. Frequently, he comes home for lunch or dinner. And he makes sure he spends time with the kids, reading, playing, bike-riding and even helping with piano.

"Herb's work is not kept separate from our personal life," comments Sharon. "He shares his thoughts. We collaborate. Sometimes, he's not home before 11 p.m., but there's always time to talk."

In 1979, with a minority government in Ottawa keeping everyone on tenderhooks, Sharon began mobilizing a Windsor riding organization for Herb.

For two years she sustained an operation with about 600 volunteers from young high school and university students to housewives of all ages.

When the election finally came, the strategy was to "hit hard on bread and butter issues such as jobs, loan guarantees to Chrysler, transitional assistance benefits for auto workers, and a long-range industrial strategy."

Helped by an anti-Clark vote as well as a well-oiled riding machine, Herb won a whopping 60% of the vote in a three-party race in an area which is traditionally NDP provincially.

Now secure with a strong Liberal majority government, the Grays are re-establishing a routine of alternating between their Windsor and Ottawa homes, and above all, settling into Ottawa.

"Life in Ottawa is not as glamourous as most people think," she says.

"Politicians don't entertain mostly because they can't afford it, and also because they don't have the time. Embassy parties provide the real social action in town, but mostly for high level civil servants who can attend early dinner cocktail hours. They are not planned for wives of politicians."

What does the future hold for Sharon Sholzberg Gray? "I'm at a crossroads now," she admits.

A former president of the Ottawa section of NCJW, this year she acted as a liaison between the Ottawa section and the national executive. A popular speaker for student and women's groups she can be counted on to speak out without the usual reticence of a politician's wife on a variety of issues, particularly better pensions for women.

"Right now, I'd like some kind of teaching job, working for a public interest group, and just maybe," she adds wistfully, "I might even try politics again."

With her background of legal training and doctoral work in constitutional law, she states openly that she's got the qualifications to be in on the work of patriating the BNA Act and working out an amending formula.

Pierre Elliot Trudeau, if you're listening, Sharon Sholzberg Gray has a few ideas you might like to hear about.

Wallenberg's assistant is coming to launch scholarship fund here

TORONTO —

Per Anger, former Swedish ambassador to Canada and close aide to Raoul Wallenberg in saving thousands of Hungarian Jews from Nazi extermination, will make a three-day trip to Toronto Sept. 28 to 30, to help launch the "Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship Fund," to be established at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

The project is being undertaken by the Canadian and other national societies of the Institute, with the approval and cooperation of the Wallenberg family, to honor the legendary young Swedish diplomat who, at the risk of his own life, executed rescue operations which saved more than 100,000 Jews in the final months of World War II.

A career diplomat, Per Anger was, at that time, posted to the Swedish embassy in Budapest and became Wallenberg's first assistant, distributing Swedish "passports" to Jews, setting up "safe houses" for them, rescuing hundreds from Nazi death marches, and providing food and medicine.

Per Anger

Many of these survivors are today living in Toronto, and freely refer to Wallenberg as their savior. He was taken into custody by the Russians in 1945 and never released, although documented evidence exists that he may still be alive in a prison camp somewhere in Russia.

Toronto supporters of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute will hear the Raoul Wallenberg story first-hand from Anger at a reception launching the scholarship fund on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Tower Room of the Inn on the Park. Hy Isenbaum, chairman of Sustaining Gifts and national treasurer of the Canadian Society will be reception chairman. Mary Beck and William Singer are co-chairmen of the fund committee, with Mary Chapman, James Gutman, and Lionel Schipper serving as associate chairmen of Sustaining Gifts.

Ambassador Anger retired last year following 40 years of service in the Swedish foreign office in Berlin, Cairo, Paris, Australia and as a United Nations delegate. His last posting was in Ottawa, where he was influential in promoting Swedish-Canadian trade, organizing the first Swedish industrial delegation to Western Canada.

While in Toronto, Per Anger will be addressing other groups, including an open meeting of Yorkdale Lodge, B'nai B'rith, on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 7.30 p.m. at Adath Sholom Synagogue, Wilson Heights and Faywood.

Calls Israel "biggest terrorist"

(Cont'd. from page 1)

If Israel withdrew from the occupied areas, the PLO would probably reconsider its goal of creating a secular state and be content with a mini state.

A secular state, he stressed, could not be imposed on Israel. It could only come about voluntarily.

He rejected as a "racist slander" the notion that the PLO was a terrorist group. The PLO was "democratic in nature, and circumstances have compelled it to carry arms," he said.

Israel, he charged, was "the biggest terrorist" in the Middle East by dint of its raids and demolition of thousands of Arab houses in the occupied areas.

Zayyad said he had no doubts that Israelis sought peace. "But they're misled by the policy of their government. They're fed on . . . anti-Arab illusions that they can dictate to the whole world."

The Israeli peace movement is not too strong today, but "coming developments will open up the eyes of the Israelis." He did not elaborate.

Israel's Peace Now movement, Zayyad argued, was not really an organization dedicated to peace because it lacked a concrete program. "We don't know what they want . . ."

In reference to Israeli Arabs, Zayyad said they suffer from "a policy of national discrimination." Most of their land has been confiscated; there is a shortage of school buildings in the Arab community, and certain university faculties, such as nuclear science and archeology, are "hermetically sealed" off to Arabs.

He described as "fascist" a new Israeli law that makes it illegal for Israelis to express public sympathy or identification with a terrorist organization.

The law was aimed at the PLO, which represents the Palestinians, he said, and therefore at the national identity of Israeli Arabs.

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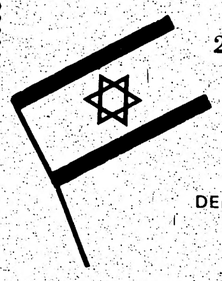

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Movie industry veteran, Nat Taylor, still builds empires

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Nat Taylor, one of Canada's great motion picture industry veterans, is working as hard today as he was 25 years ago.

"Age is just a number," declared Taylor, who is 74 going on 54. "You can't condemn a person just because he's advancing in years. At 70, some people feel like 50. That's the way I feel."

Leonard Bernstein, president of the Canadian Motion Pictures Theatre Association, and a friend for 35 years, agreed that Taylor is one of the enduring figures in the industry. "He's got more energy than a 25-year-old," he said, a touch of amazement in his voice.

At a time when many men his age are either gone or deep into retirement, Taylor — chairman of Cineplex and Pan-Canadian Film Distributors Inc. — is brimming over with vitality and energy.

"They think I should be sitting it out somewhere," said Taylor, a director of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. "But if I did, my brain would atrophy."

Taylor, who refers to himself as an entrepreneur, added: "At this point in my life work is a labor of love. I'm really getting a kick out of what I'm doing. And as long as I can do it, I'll be at it."

Cineplex, the network of multiple screen cinemas he and partner Garth Drabinsky pioneered a few years ago, is clearly the pride of his career and the enterprise that keeps him most active. "It's the most exciting thing I've ever done," he explained. "We'll be opening new theatres at the rate of one every month for an indefinite period of time."

Looking trim and fit, Taylor reminisced about his career in a conversation in his memento-filled downtown office. He spoke with vigor, often breaking into hearty, uproarious laughter if a remark or an incident he recalled amused him.

He was not falsely modest. "My life is peppered with firsts," he said, referring to his achievements.

"Taylor's been one of the illustrious innovators of the industry in Canada," Leonard Bernstein noted. "He's come up with many new ideas."

Nat Taylor [left] and Garth Drabinsky.

Taylor, whom B'nai B'rith Sportsmen Lodge plans to honor on Oct. 15, built the world's first dual theatre in Ottawa in 1948. "My partners thought I was crazy," he said.

He developed Canada's first quadruple theatre in Mississauga's Square One shopping centre 15 years ago. He operated the country's first underground theatre in Toronto's Yorkdale shopping centre. And he built Canada's first office building theatre in Montreal's Place Ville Marie.

In 1946, when Taylor owned and operated scores of theatres through out Canada, he opened the International Cinema, Canada's first art film movie house.

He also helped establish the Canadian Film Development Corporation, sitting on its advisory board for several years.

At various stages in his career, Taylor was secretary of the Motion Picture Theatre Owners Association of Ontario, manager of the Exhibitor's Co-operative Limited, and head of the Canadian Picture Pioneers, which honored him in 1958 and again 20 years later.

As long as he can remember, Taylor, in his own inimitable words, has "been looking to make a buck."

He sold newspapers when he was 12 and picture postcards soon afterward. Taylor's father, Isaac, was a pantsmaker and the first treasurer of Goel Tzedec Synagogue.

By the age of 14, Taylor was producing his own movie postcards and earning twice as much as an ordinary working man. "I thought I could lick the world when I was 16," he said.

Taylor realized that hard work alone would not be sufficient. He studied law, graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1930. "I wanted to stay in business and I figured law could help me."

In 1934, Taylor acquired the College Theatre in Kitchener, the first in a chain that would later be the third largest in Canada — Twentieth Century Theatres. Eleven years ago, he sold the chain to Famous Players, retaining his interest in drive-in theatres.

The Kitchener deal, Taylor recalled, was probably the turning point in his career. "I got a sort of reputation for being an astute young man who could come up with a good theatre deal which could make money. Instead of seeking capital for further ventures, people with capital sought me out. It was one of the most important cornerstones of my subsequent success."

One of the memorable deals he made occurred in 1938, when Taylor was offered a theatre building in Windsor. "I remember like it was yesterday," he said. "I told Bill Furlong, the man I was dealing with, 'Why don't you write down on a piece of paper the price you think you'd get for it, and I'll write down on another piece of paper what I think is a fair price.'

"When we compared notes, we found that our figures were exactly the same to a penny, and that became the agreed price. That turned out to be one of the best deals I ever made, and I did it all in five minutes."

While exhibition and distribution have been the mainstays of Taylor's enterprises, he had dabbled in production as well. In 1958, he and associates organized Toronto International Film Studios in Kleinburg, Ont., considered to be the finest east of Hollywood.

"I never had the time to be a producer," he said, "but I helped produce a few films. I don't brag about that. I wasn't very good at it."

Taylor, however, learned a lot about production, becoming an authority in the field. Despite its hazards and enormous costs, feature film production today can be less risky than it was 40 years ago, he explained. "The markets are more diversified and have a greater revenue potential. After theatrical showing, there is, in the U.S., pay TV, then there is the possible network sale, followed by TV syndication, and now a possible market is opening for cassettes or video discs."

He believes Canada should produce its own films. But he warned: "The game is not for amateurs. It's played for high stakes by seasoned professionals. The inept, unknowledgeable and unimaginative had better not become involved. The cliche has seldom been more applicable: 'A fool and his money are soon parted.' The game is rough, the stakes are high but the rewards can be enormous."

For many years, Taylor voiced his opinions on the state of the industry in a variety of publications. He still does so in his capacity as president of Film Publications of Canada, which he founded in 1940, and as publisher of the Canadian Film Digest Yearbook.

Over the decades, Taylor has watched something like 10,000 feature films, all of them in the privacy of screening rooms. Nowadays, he sees about two films per week. None stands out in his mind. "Your favorite film or actor in this business sells tickets," he said, dispensing with sentimentality.

Although he has a reputation as a workhorse, Taylor has never been a workaholic. "I haven't worked more than 40 weeks a year since World War II," he remarked. "It's very important for a man who works with his brain to recharge his batteries. I recommend a holiday for everyone, whether he's an entrepreneur or not."

Taylor and his second wife, the widow of actor John Drainie, retire to their Palm Beach house when he thinks he needs a break. Taylor's first wife, Yvonne Orbach, the sister of one of his late partners, died in 1967. They had one son, Michael, an employee of Famous Players.

Taylor, who's in good health, and who enjoys golf and bridge, intends to cut back on his work schedule within a year or two. "Though I can't foretell the future, I may be working 30 weeks instead of 40," he said, explaining that the lure of Palm Beach is strong.

But semi-retirement, which he appears to be contemplating, doesn't mean that Taylor is fading away like a good soldier.

Pulling a file from his desk, Taylor showed a manuscript he has written about himself. The chapter titles are quintessentially Tayloresque: "How Joe Levine Got His First Chance At Real Success," "How I Acquired An Interest In A Profitable Theatre Without Any Money," "Why I Can't Drink Canadian Club or How I Acquired One Of The Gems Of Our Circuit For Virtually No Money," "The Cornerstone Of My Success" and so on.

He hopes it can be incorporated into a book on Canada's film industry.

Meanwhile, Taylor continues to add more chapters to the manuscript by building the Cineplex empire he and Drabinsky started. Eighteen such theatres are scheduled to be constructed in Canada and the U.S., and Taylor will play a leading role in the envisaged expansion.

"I made up my mind long ago that I wasn't going to retire at 60," he said emphatically.

Much to his competitors' regret, Taylor is remaining true to his word.

New Soviet measures slowing Jewish exodus

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The significance of Kislik's psychiatric imprisonment, said Intrator, who has been involved with Soviet Jewry since the Leningrad Trials about 10 years ago, is: to signal to Refuseniks an incipient crackdown in emigration and to warn them that the penalty for persistence would be more severe.

"This is the 'stick' component of the new Soviet persuasion," she said. "The 'carrot' is made up of the other measures. Clamping down on anti-semitism is to remove, for the time being, a main motivation for aliya and a stimulus for demonstration. When the atmosphere is good, or at least tolerable, heroes and martyrs are not created.

"High party officials who participate in industrial and academic managerial meetings are now advising supervisors and managers in Kiev and Moscow of the worth of the Jews, of their talents, devotion and-so-forth, to their enterprises. Tolerance and consideration are being encouraged," she said.

Moreover, scientists are being offered back their jobs if they retract their application to emigrate. In at least one instance, a Moscow scientist, Yuri Golfand, has been fully reinstated in his former position, at the Lebedev Institute through a high party directive and against the vehement objections of the prestigious institute's director, N. G. Basov.

"It seems that the authorities want to give the Jews no further pretext for leaving the Soviet Union," said Intrator. "Emigration started as a trickle years ago, due to the courage and impetus of the Soviet Jews. Little did the authorities — or we in the West, for that matter — consider how significant and relatively substantial it would become.

"The cumulative effect of the loss of about 270,000 Jews, many of whom served as scientists, artists and professionals, is being felt. The authorities perceive a brain drain now, and want to stop it," she concluded.

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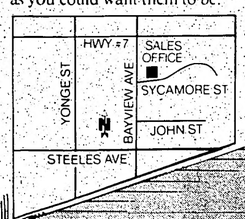

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'Elephant' trio has 3rd release

Sharon Hampson, Lois Lilienstein and Bram Morrison will launch their new album "Singing 'n Swinging" at a concert Sept. 28 in Minkler Auditorium. Their first album won a Juno award last year.

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Children never forget the elephant people.

Sharon, Lois and Bram, whose first album "One Elephant, Deux Elephants" is pushing through the platinum level of sales, are bringing young people's entertainment up-to-date and beyond. Each has an extensive background in children's education and a long-practiced specialty in music; together they provide the dynamic sophistication and pure entertainment demanded by graduates of Sesame Street and similar kinetic fare.

For example, their newly released third album, "Singing 'n Swinging" contains songs based on various styles of music such as: English music hall, calypso, mountain, gospel, folk, Irish, French and Black, as well as traditional children's songs. Included is a selection or two like Abba Dabba Honeymoon, a swing-era hit that will delight grandparents as well as anyone younger.

An enclosed booklet details the music and lyrics of each selection and suggests accompanying motions and dance steps.

The trio is presenting a concert at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium Sunday, Sept. 28 to launch the record and a new season of live performances.

The three are remembered from the time they joined to form the trio 2½ years ago.

"On a recent trip to Edmonton, a 9-year-old girl gave us two little dolls in thanks for the good time she had before," Lois Lilienstein told The Canadian Jewish News. "It seems she heard Sharon and me in one of the music-for-children programs in North York, which we started eight years ago. The girl moved from Toronto shortly afterwards. She was 3-years-old then."

Canada's entertainment industry has also taken note. Together with producer-arranger Bill Usher, they made their elephant album at their own expense in 1978. Last year, it won the Juno award for children's recordings and has already sold more than 96,000 copies. (A gold record in Canadian scale is 50,000 sales; platinum is 100,000.)

Continuing to produce their own records, under the Elephant Records label, they released "Smorgasbord" last September. It has already sold 72,000 copies.

Sharon is Toronto-born Sharon Hampson, who started in showbiz by applying her years of piano training as a folk performer in coffee houses at the age of 17. Lois, who studied music for a Bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan, came here in 1966. The two met, and started creating things.

They established the children's music program, performing for pre-school children in the public libraries of North York. Under the Mariposa Folk Foundation, they set up a vising concert service for Ontario schools called the Mariposa in the Schools prgram. They last performed individually two years ago, visiting Associated, Bialik, Eitz Chaim and United Synagogue Day Schools, among others.

Bram Morrison was a teacher who turned to folk music as an apprentice guitar accompanist for singer Alan Mills. The trio's silent partner, Bill Usher, developed as a bandsman and percussionist who worked with The Irish Rovers, Ronnie Hawkins and Bruce Cockburn.

Sharon is a founding member of Toronto's Secular Jewish Association, which emphasizes the cultural and recreational aspects of Jewish observances. Lois boasts having a klezmer (itinerant musician) for a father. "By day," she said, "he sold insurance. At night, he would change into a tuxedo and play at bar mitzvahs and weddings." Bram is married to the former Ruth Rayman, currently director of three key committees of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region.

The U.S. is also taking note of the group. They played at Lincoln Centre in August, and have hired a New York-based manager. They are planning to give family concerts there with various symphony orchestras, as they will be doing next month in Vancouver. The stream of fan mail and record requests from south of the border is building steadily.

The elephant people are never forgotten, even on the basis of a first impression. Said Sharon: "We're performing in October for a book store in Los Angeles. The owner asked us often hearing just one of our records, which had drifted into his stock through various hands."

Illustrated booklet enclosed in album contains words and music to songs on newly released children's record

By ANDREA PARKER

The booklet enclosed in the album "Listen to Me," released in August by singers Rosalie Moscoe and Jim Duchesneau, is as enjoyable as the record of childrens songs.

Moscoe's and Duchesneau's voices blend well in songs with themes as varied as a child going to camp for the first time to a youngster deciding on a future occupation.

Although the song themes differ, there does not seem to be a large amount of musical variation, so that some of the melodies tend to be similar.

The delightful educational booklet not only provides charming illustrations, such as two children playing in a bathtub or a squirrel talking to three ladybugs, but also offers words and music to all of the songs.

Suggestions for art activities tell youngsters how to make telephones out of paper cups or draw pictures about personal experiences. And at the bottom of each page are discussion topics to encourage children to talk or write about events, such as being scared when they were younger or having fun with their best friend.

This booklet, combined with the album, is ideal to keep children busy, whether alone or in groups.

Moscoe and Duchesneau wrote all the songs and produced the album with partner Jean Harrison under their company label Flutterby Productions.

Harrison introduced the duo. In an earlier interview with The CJN (Aug. 14), Moscoe said her two children provided the inspiration for her songs and Duchesneau said he spent eight summers in children's camps and six months in a cabin writing songs.

The illustrations are by David Thresher. The record includes the voices of Moscoe's children, Rhonda and Darren, and Harrison's daughter Anne, as well as music arrangement by her son David.

Examine menage a trois in film "Each Other"

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yola, an Israeli writer, meets Anne, a Parisian tourist, on a train heading to Jerusalem. They talk about their respective lives: Yola, a pensive woman, is completing a novel for a literary contest; Anne, a divorced photographer, wants to see some of the Christian sites in the capital.

For reasons left to the viewer's discretion, Yola is attracted to Anne, inviting her to stay in an adjoining room in the same hotel. Thus begins a relationship which develops into a menage a trois. "Each Other," the last item in Toronto's Israeli Film Festival, explores Yola's and Anne's passionate friendship, sometimes sensitively, sometimes superficially.

The film is written and directed by Michal Bat-Adam, who plays the part of Yola. Brigitte Catillon portrays Anne. Assaf Dayan, Moshe Dayan's actor son, depicts Avi, Yola's boyfriend and, later, husband.

Each Other may be one of the few Israeli films which probe lesbianism in all its platonic and sexual facets. At first, in Each Other, Yola and Anne work to cement a conventional friendship. They eat together, they take walks in Jerusalem's ancient byways, they discuss their ambitions and they talk about men they have known and/or loved.

A viewer senses that their rather disjointed conversations will blossom into sexual love, as eventually happens in the last two-thirds of the film. But before lesbianism and abandoned sex are introduced in Each Other, we are given a taste of traditional lovemaking, in the form of a one night stand between Anne and Ilan, a hotel security man.

It isn't long before Yola knocks Ilan out of the picture, figuratively and literally. Avi arrives in Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, only to find Anne in Yola's room. All three go out on the town. In an intimate moment, when Anne is on the disco floor in a nightclub, Avi wonders whether this is not the beginning of a triangular relationship.

In fact, it is. Without so much as consulting Avi, whom she loves and wants to marry, Yola invites Anne to their room after the night's festivities. Avi agrees. They all plop down on a double bed, seemingly exausted. But the night has just begun.

Avi makes love to Yola, and Anne watches with a mixture of fascination and shyness. Then it's Anne's turn. She's initiated into the bacchanalia by Yola and Avi. It leaves a nasty taste in their mouths, something of a chasm in the friendship between Yola and Anne.

Yola and Anne meet four years later, by which time Yola and Avi are married and have one child. They still feel deeply for each other, but they cannot recreate the earlier precious moments of their relationship.

As a film, Each Other is only partially effective. Often, it is flat, bereft of feeling and true emotion, as well as aimless. It suffers from yet another defect: slowness of movement.

But whatever its faults, Each Other makes a brave attempt at coming to grips with a topic that is usually too hot to handle.

The acting isn't bad. Michal Bat-Adam displays some depth, possibly because she wrote the script. But Brigitte Catillon is superficial. Assaf Dayan shows flashes of acting ability. Avi Pnini, who plays Ilan, is fairly good in his role as a stud.

Kahane jailed by military court

RAMALLAH (JNI via CZF Information centre) —

A military court in the West Bank town of Ramallah has sentenced Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Israeli Kach movement and founder of the Jewish Defence League, to nine months imprisonment on charges arising from two incidents on the West Bank involving him and his followers.

In both incidents — the first in July of 1978 and the second in April of this year — Kahane distributed letters and pamphlets calling on local Arab residents to emigrate. The charges included disturbing the peace, unauthorized distribution of political pamphlets and insulting a police officer.

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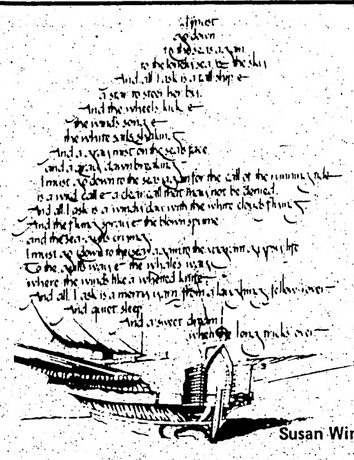
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Fans, critics laud Israeli films

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — A "new wave" of Israeli films which met mostly indifference in Israel drew overflow audiences and won critical raves from local and international film critics who attended the recent Israeli film festival at Harbourfront.

A smiling and happy Hannah Fisher, Harbourfront film co-ordinator, expressed her satisfaction about the crowds that often spilled out of the 200-seat theatre. She estimated over 2,000 people showed up to see 15 films over 10 days.

New wave directors eschew stereotypes such as invincible military heroes, heroic tillers of the soil and buxomly gorgeous sabras. The usual lighter fare of slapstick comedy is also avoided.

Instead, directors like Ilan Moshenson and Dan Wolman probe inward into human relationships and look at how individuals cope from day-to-day in a society exploding with internal and external pressures.

The hallmark of the new Israeli films is their sensitivity and competence in dealing with multi-leveled political, social and psychological factors, according to New York Times film critic Jane Friedman.

Ms. Fisher, who initiated the Israeli film festival because she wanted to encourage the Israeli film industry, affirmed that the exposure from Canada's first festival had netted some tangible results.

"Praise from international film critics such as Gene Moskowitz from the Paris-based office of Variety, and William Wolfe from New York Magazine," she speculated, "will encourage distribution of Israeli films abroad."

She revealed that Toronto-born stage and TV actor, Lou Jacobi, has indicated interest in doing a film with Dan Wolman, the Israeli director who made "Hide and Seek" and "My Michael."

As well, at least three Canadian distributors, New Cinema, Pan-Canadian and International Telefilm, are now considering importing Israeli films.

Fisher pointed out that it was because the Israeli film festival was held in conjunction with Toronto's fifth Festival of Festivals that it was able "to plug into some of the top cinema people in the world."

She particularly credited Wayne Clarkson, director of FofF, for his suppoprt in integrating the Israeli films into the festival, because, she said, it was "exactly this kind of international forum which establishes credibility for Israeli films."

Israeli directors "expressed real appreciation for the way they were treated within the overall festival in terms of such courtesies as being picked up at the airport, given free passes for films, T-shirt gifts, and also, exposure in the media," she added.

Fisher said that her concern for events in the Middle East led her to choose films which made human statements about the life of ordinary Israelis. "Perhaps, in this way, through the art of film, hostilities can be diffused," she said.

The Israeli film festival emerged after a full year-and-a-half of work on programming and co-operation with a number of people and agencies.

Fisher cited the Jewish Media Service-Jewish Welfare Board for help in screening films in New York.

El Al gave her a free ticket for a week in Israel, and constant meetings with people in the offices of the Israeli consulate, ambassador and economic affairs all made her dream of bringing an Israeli film festival to Canada a reality, she stated.

Operatic, classical music success at CICF benefit

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Maureen and Friends, the benefit concert of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, was at least a triple success.

- A capacity audience at Massey Hall witnessed a wide sampling of operatic and classical music dynamically performed by leading luminaries, including violinist Isaac Stern.
- Funds raised exceeded the CICF goal of $300,000.
- The debut of soprano Gilda Cruz-Romo was a stunning bonus to an already brilliant bill of fare.

Stern and his Israeli protege violinist Shlomo Mintz impressed the eye as well as the ear in their interpretation of concerto for two violins by Vivaldi. The 23-year-old Mintz, with a cream complexion and a thick head of red curly hair, loomed over his mentor as he shook his head and caressed his violin. Stern, a silver-haired cherub in black tails, swayed ever so slowly, appearing to caress the music itself.

Larger than life in her turquoise gown and blonde helmet of hair, Maureen Forester sang numbers by de Falla, Mahler and Ives, among others, undoubtedly selected to allow her to throw her magnificent contralto voice into all its reaches.

Israeli-born Rivka Golani-Erdesz, currently professor of viola at the University of Toronto, played Weber's Hungarian Rondo with elegant passion. Her fiery red hair flowing midway down her back and her grey chiffon gown complemented the gypsy-like strains in the music.

Tom Kneebone and Dinah Christie did a series of musical odes to New York. Those in the audience who expected selections from their celebrated satirical skits were surprised and a little disappointed.

Orpheus, the New York-based ensemble of 26 virtuosos, played flawlessly and beautifully.

Gilda Cruz-Romo was an unexpected sensation of the concert. Resplendent in a chocolate-colored gown with gold trim, the Mexican-born soprano made her debut here with arias from Puccini's Tosca and Verdi's La Forza del Destino. Her voice was strong, passionate, beautiful. Her encore — an aria from Puccini's Madame Butterfly — was greeted with a standing ovation and three more encores.

CICF president Joel Slater, in thanking Ms. Forrester and the artists who performed at her request free of charge, announced that $320,000 had been raised that evening. This exceeded the goal by $20,000. The funds will be used to subsidize musical and cultural exchanges between young Israeli and Canadian artists.

Stern was presented with a gift in honor of his 60th birthday. Ms. Forrester was also given one, on the occasion of her 50th birthday. Ms. Forrester is honorary chairman of the CICF.

Brilliant novel of living-dead world adds sermon on modern life insanity

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Second Coming
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This is a brilliant novel of ideas that is at the same time a protracted sermon about the insanity of modern American life.

Here, as in his four previous novels, Percy is concerned with clinging to life and authenticity in a world of the living-dead. "Death in this century is not the death people die but the death people live. Men either kill each other in war, or in peace walk as docilely into living death as sheep into a slaughterhouse."

The protagonist of "The Second Coming" is an inordinately wealthy middle-aged widower, a retired lawyer, who has settled in a resort community in the mountains of North Carolina. Yet, Will Barrett does not enjoy "the good things" of life. He feels depressed without knowing why. He falls victim to brief epileptic seizures. On one occasion while playing golf he slices the ball deep into the woods and searching for it "heard something and the sound reminded him of an event that happened a long time ago. It was the most important event in his life yet he had managed until that moment to forget it."

What he recollects is a quail hunt of his childhood that took place in a swampy Georgia forest. Did his death-haunted father who later killed himself aim his gun at his young son? In an attempt to bring meaning to his disordered existence, Will Barrett, descends into a large cave to meditate and to await a sign from God as to his future actions. He is driven to the surface by a pounding toothache and escapes from the cave through a hole that leads to an abandoned greenhouse.

His dramatic descent into the bowls of the earth is balanced in the book by Allison Huger's descent into madness. She is a 20-year old schizophrenic who escapes from a nearby mental institution where her scrambled mind has been re-fried by electric shocks. She speaks in a strange mixture of disjointed phrases and bits of rhyme. In the rundown greenhouse where she has found refuge, she and Will are conjoined in a singular union of love and destiny. Together they find renewal of energy, meaning and purpose.

The author, who in all of his books has preached strong sermons against the fatuities and inanities of our culture, expresses his disgust at rampant middle-class banality, our society's treatment of old people and the superficial nature of much of "reborn religion."

He excoriates thoughtless atheists: "The present-day unbeliever . . . takes his comfort and ease, watches TV, drinks his drink, laughs, curses politicians, and now and again to relieve the boredom and the farce (of which he is dimly aware) goes off to war to shoot other people — for all the world as if his prostate were now growing cancerous, his arteries turning to chalk, his brain cells dying off by the millions, as if the worms were not going to have him in no time at all."

The Second Coming is exciting and provocative with enough plot for several novels. It is crammed with good talk, vivid characterizations, and enriched with unforced symbolism. It is also a pertinent tract about how we relate and strive for coherence in a violent and irrational society.

Percy belongs to no literary coterie or school of writing. Profoundly southern in his roots, he is not a regional writer.

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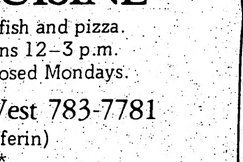
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The CICC's Phil Granovsky, left, welcomes Michel Belanger to organization's luncheon.

Trade with Israel to increase

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

While trade relations between Canada and Israel are still not as strong as their cultural ties, this decade will no doubt see a major increase in our exchange of goods and services, the president and chief executive officer of the National Bank of Canada, Michael Belanger, said at a recent luncheon in his honor. The function, held at the Chateau Champlain, was tendered by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry and attended by about 500 prominent businessmen and financiers from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

"Canadians have begun to appreciate the potential of bilateral trade with Israel . . . I am sure that the Chamber of Commerce will play a key role in fostering these exchanges. Your current expansion program in Western Canada certainly augurs well for the future," said Belanger.

Chamber president Phil Granovsky of Toronto reported that trade between Canada and Israel has a current value of more than $200 million per year, making Israel Canada's second largest trading partner in the Middle East. In addition, $150 million in services is exchanged between the two countries, he said.

Belanger said he believed future growth of trade will be founded as much on "people to people contact, and a detailed intimate knowledge of each other that will lead to respect and friendship" as on the dry statistics that are the usual incentives to business.

Belanger, 51, an economist, was a career civil servant with the federal department of finance when he was named president of the Montreal Stock Exchange in 1973. Three years later he became president of the Provincial Bank of Canada and moved to the top executive position when it merged with the Banque Canadienne Nationale in November, 1979, to form the National Bank of Canada.

Last spring the bank made a substantial purchase of State of Israel Bonds, in a deal completed by Belanger.

Friend Charles Bronfman described Belanger as "exceedingly bright, having a very good sense of humor, a fine family man and a great citizen of his country."

In an address entitled "Canada and the world economy: the challenges of the 1980s," Belanger said Canada is perhaps the only industrialized country that has the potential for oil self-sufficiently within the next two decades.

"The persisting OPEC pressure to increase the relative price of petroleum products will work to alter the patterns of world trade. As they are faced with widening deficits on energy, the industrialized countries will again stimulate their export sectors and encourage import substitution in favor of domestic prduction. . . . It will lead to a more competitive environment for Canada, particularly as regards several of our finsihed product industries — for example, high technology," said Belanger.

The Canadian petroleum industry may require close to $300 million if Canada is to achieve oil self-sufficiently, he continued. How much of this will have to be derived from foreign investment is still not known, but domestic sources will not be enough alone.

Belanger called for a clear government policy on direct foreign investment and with a demarcation of areas where there should be full domestic control and where foreign participation is welcomed and encouraged.

"The problem for Canada during the next decade might well be to prevent excess capital from entering the country. . . . Canada is in the priviledged position of being a relatively secure country in the face of an uncertain world. It is therefore important that the benefits we derive from this position be used not only at home but through more active participation in economic development abroad."

Past leaders still help

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He added that, although being active in the community was an important element of the Jewish tradition, "not many religious and cultural institutions have been physically or, of more importance, pshychologically accessible" to the handicapped. Government grants might make it easier for synagogues and parochial schools to make adjustments and develop programs for the disabled, he told the committee.

Lepofsky, 23, who is blind, said the "biggest problem is not being handicapped — adjustments can be made in lifestyles — but the well intentioned cruelty imposed on the handicapped by the public. The pity, the patronization, the rejection as a social outcast, is the biggest barrier to a normal life. Those around us have not been able to make the same adjustments we have."

He pointed to the United States' programs for integration of the handicapped as a model for Canada. He was particularly impressed with the accommodations that were available to him at the Harvard Law School which are "unparalleled anywhere in Canada."

Rabbi Kelman observed that although the western world claims to have inherited the "Judeo-Christian tradition, it is more attuned to the Greek and Teutonic ideal of physical perfection.

"The biblical view of man is that all of us are unique. The Torah says man was created in the image of God, not the physical form. . . . I wonder if in today's society Moses, who was a stutterer yet the greatest leader of the Jewish people or Jacob, who had a limp, could have been elected a reeve in an Ontario village."

Kelman said synagogues have a definite leadership role to play in the integration of the handicapped. He expressed a desire for a two-day conference of clergy, laymen, social service workers and the handicapped in the Parliament Buildings to share experiences and plan a national strategy.

The brief, which contains a forward by Rabbi Sheldon S. Rappaport of Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue and a section on the pioneering work of the Reena Foundation, also makes recommendations for government grants to churches, synagogues, schools, summer camp and other non-profit organizations to assist them in adapting their facilicties and services to the handicapped.

In housing, the brief urges that the government enact legislation that would ensure that 2% of all units in newly constructed residential projects containing more than 100 units be designed for the handicapped.

The brief is the first move of the CJC's recently created law and social action committee, headed by Zemans, and evolved out of the plenary assembly in May, when a resolution was passed calling for the community's accommodation of its handicapped.

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Brownsville, Texas, is a tourist delight

By JAMES MONTAGNES

The signs on the road to Brownsville, the most southern Texas city say "Welcome Home Winter Texans." And that includes a growing number of Canadians.

Major factors towards the growing popularity of the region are the climate which rarely goes above 80 degrees F. (27 Celsius) in winter or lower than 50 degrees F (10 C), the prices of accommodations which are considerably below those of the major Florida coast areas, and the proximity of Mexico.

For those who want fishing, the Gulf of Mexico as well as inland waters, provide surf, quiet water and deepwater sport. Fishing boats can be chartered throughout the area. Golf courses are numerous and tennis courts are now everywhere, with a number of tennis ranches where you can not only play but also improve your game under professional guidance.

Luxury hotels, medium-priced small hotels and motels, rental condominiums, and trailer parks abound in the region. Whether you drive down or fly, you can find accommodation to suit your pocketbook by the day, week or month. At a number of country-club condominium complexes you can pick grapefruit and oranges from the nearby groves.

Each of the many communities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has its own attractions. Brownsville has one of the best zoos in the United States, which specializes in rare and endangered species of wild animals. The Gladys Porter Zoo, started by a private foundation and now municipally-owned, has rock and cave-like shelters for its more than 1,000 mammals which include rare Siberian tigers, the African Hunter's hartebeest, the almost extinct Jentink's duiker deer and other endangered species.

In the children's zoo are babies of the ape family which behave about like human infants, and are looked after by nurses who bathe them and change their diapers!

Twenty-two miles from Brownsville a new multi-million dollar causeway and bridge lead to South Padre Island, a burgeoning resort area. Here you can walk for miles along a white sand beach gathering seashells and starfish or just letting the wind sweep the cobwebs out of your head. Surf fishermen are everywhere catching everything from small sea-trout to young sharks and 30-pound redfish. You can swim in the surf or ride breakers on a surfboard, or just relax in the sun.

Enroute back to Brownsville you will pass through Port Isabel, which has the state's smallest park — Lighthouse Park — just big enough to provide some lawn around the lighthouse at the end of the causeway. From the highway you can see offshore oil rigs being built for worldwide destinations where drilling is going on for new underwater oilfields.

Cross the Rio Grande River on one of several bridges at Brownsville and you are in Metamoros, Mexico. [Bring your passport or birth certificate to get back into the United States.] The traffic is constant by car and on foot across the international bridges.

Metamoros, with 200,000 population, is a much bigger city than Brownsville, has bazaar-type enclosed shops for a wide variety of goods from silver jewelry to leather goods. You are expected to haggle for the lowest price. The city has other shopping facilities and a fine modern handicrafts institute, as well as several plazas without which no Mexican town is complete.

Near Brownsville is Harlingen, another winter resort community where the major attraction is the Confederate Air Force which has about 60 World War II American, British, German and Japanese aircrafts on display.

McAllen is another resort town not far west of Brownsville with the sister city of Reynosa across the Rio Grande in Mexico. Nearby is the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge at Alamo.

Throughout the area you can eat well at prices a little below those at home. There are many fresh fish specialties here, as well as good Texan beef gourmet items and Mexican food, moderately or highly spiced to your taste. There are only a limited number of spots for those who like nightclub life.

(For detailed information on any part of the region, contact the Lower Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 975, Weslaco, Texas 78596.)

Horses can be rented for a ride through dunes of Padre Island.

Guanajuato's mummies are gruesome but spectacular as tourist attractions

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

GUANAJUATO, Mexico —

There is no sight like it anywhere else in the world.

For just the admission price of five pesos, a visitor can feast his eyes upon a spectacle that cannot leave him indifferent.

The visitor will be repelled or perhaps amused, but never disinterested.

The mummies of Guanajuato, renowned through out Mexico, overshadow those of Egypt. Yet, for unfathomable reasons, few North Americans are aware of their existence, even after a trip to Mexico.

Undoubtedly Guanajuato's premiere attraction, the mummies are displayed in all their grotesque splendor in a crypt next to the local cemetery. Outside, in the bright sunshine, vendors hawk swords and daggers, lending an almost laughable ambience to the mock solemn atmosphere.

There are over 150 mummies in the Museo De Las Momias, all of them exhibited behind a glass display case some 100 metres in length. A Canadian traveller, not accustomed to seeing corpses, is shocked, dismayed and shaken at first. Then, gradually, shock is replaced by disbelief and incredulity.

Mexican visitors also seem to be amazed by the mummies. But their reactions do not appear to be as extreme as that of North Americans, who haven't seen it all until they've seen the mummies of Guanajuato.

In this town, 230 miles northwest of Mexico City, the dead are disinterred after about five years unless a perpetual resting place has been purchased by the deceased's family. This practice is followed in many parts of the country, although land is plentiful in Mexico.

Some years ago, when the latest batch of coffins were unearthed in Guanajuato, workmen were astounded upon opening the lids. The corpses inside, contrary to the laws of nature, had not disintegrated after as long as a century. Instead, they had mummified, their skins like parchment.

To the best of everyone's knowledge, mummification through natural means has not occurred anywhere else. In Egypt, mummies were prepared with oils, balms and lotions. Experts attribute the Mexican phenomenon to Guanajuato's hot, dry climate and the special mineral content of its soil.

The mummies range from a stillborn child to a man and woman of advanced age. Beige in color, most are swollen around the chest, bereft of eyes, and with little hair. The clothes on their backs are discolored but mainly grayish.

Their facial expressions run the gamut from the serene to the hideous, and from the surprised to the horrific. Following a visit to the Museo De Las Momias, it is easy to understand where Hollywood drew its inspiration.

Guanajuato, its collection of mummies notwithstanding, has other attractions too, none as gruesome as the cadavers.

One of Mexico's loveliest towns, Guanajuato has a magnificent theatre, an unusually beautiful church, an underground expressway, overflowing markets and cobblestoned streets that turn into plazas and steps.

Guanajuato is on what is known as the Colonial Mexico Route, which leads through charming, rustic colonial towns, villages and cities where in 1810 Mexicans wrested their independence from Spain. Among the points on the map worth a stop are San Miguel De Allende, Queretaro and Dolores Hidalgo.

Guanajuato's most illustrious theatre — Teatro Juarez — is really a Gay 90s opera house built when this town was a silver mining capital. With its richly crafted appointments, Teatro Juarez is truly a relic of the past.

It is set opposite tree-lined Independence Square, one of seven squares in Guanajuato. Open-air cafes grace Independence Square, beckoning a tired traveler to its wooden chairs. For a handful of pesos, troubadors will serenade you with romantic, melancholy melodies.

Nearby, from an open window of the Hotel San Diego, mariachi music wafts across Independence Square, prompting a traveler to tap along with his foot.

The markets are piled high with tropical fruits such as pineapples, mangos and papayas. Mounds of gleaming tomatoes vie with stacks of bananas. Fish mongers heave bucketfulls of cold water on their hake, perch and shrimp.

At night, Guanajuato is quite lively, with the cafe serving food and drink until the wee hours. Estudiantinas, or student minstrels, enliven the proceedings. Estudiantina, a colonial tradition, was perfected here.

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Described as Mexico's version of California's Carmel, San Miguel De Allende is an artist's colony, dilapidated but irresistible.

It was founded in 1542, becoming the marketplace for haciendas that were established in the area. The bulk of these great manor houses have fallen into ruin, but a few have been restored and turned into private houses or pensions.

San Miguel De Allende's most conspicuous monuments is its 17th century parish church, La Parroquia. But the town's reputation rests on handicrafts, not religion.

From straw mats to textiles, a tourst can find items that will suit his taste, not to mention his pocketbook. The workmanship is uniformly good. English is heard on the streets, since many Americans come here.

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Though an industrial city, Queretaro is one of Mexico's historic places, full of whitewashed buildings with red-tiled roofs, markets and museums recalling the Mexican uprising against Spain.

Similarly, Dolores Hidalgo merits a visit, if only briefly. It was here that Father Hidalgo, in 1810, launched the revolution that started Mexico on the road to independence.

Masada program touches many

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

The "ladies" who have returned to Masada are not the ghosts of those courageous women who perished at the hands of their menfolk rather tnan submit to the Romans who attacked the last zealot stronghold on the edge of the Dead Sea. The two gallant and determined women are from the United States.

Ceil Shar and her daughter, Marilyn Ziemke, affectionately known throughout Israel as the "ladies," just 10 years ago created a program, based on the return to Masada, that has touched upon the lives of thousands of people across the United States.

It all commenced as a dream when, in 1970, the two women from Livingston, N.J., decided that, rather than hire a caterer and a hall for a bar mitzvah and have a big party because it was fashionable, they would visit Israel with the entire family and have the bar mitzvah of their boy on top of Masada.

It was such a successful event, and the bar mitzvah boy so thrilled with Masada and its history, that Ceil and Marilyn decided to start an organization to bring other families to Masada for bar and bat mitzvah ceremonies.

In the kitchen of their home in Livingston, Israel Travel Advisory Service (ITAS) was begun, not as a commercial enterprise, but as a volunteer organization promoting an ecumenical program that incorporated bar and bat mitzvah celebrations atop Masada.

ITAS, although it does not advertise except through word of mouth has, in the 10 years of its existence, brought more than 12,000 persons to Israel, including many hundreds of happy youths.

While the service is ongoing, and small groups travel to Israel throughout the year, one large group is organized on each anniversary. Thus on the 10th birthday of ITAS, a group of 550 flew to Israel, traveling on two Boeing 747 jumbos of El Al.

While the highlight of the visit is, of course, the Masada ceremony, equally exciting is the reception given at the home of Israel's President and the visit to the Yad Vashem Memorial for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

This year, the young celebrants were presented with gifts by Gideon Patt, the minister of industry, trade and tourism — the boys received a talith and the girls, a pair of candlesticks.

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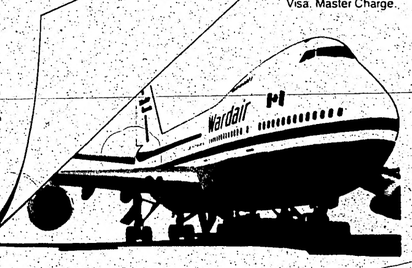

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Love is, among other things, sharing a falafel.

Trends show Israelis world's biggest noshers

By JUDY CARR

JERUSALEM — People in Israel seem to eat all the time for apart from regular meals, the Israeli will snatch a nosh wherever he can. He appears to find it difficult to walk in the street without chewing something, from the ubiquitous sunflower seeds to corn on the cob or humus in the round Arab bread called pitta.

The history of nosh in Israel is full of variety. In the 1950s and early 60s, almost the only street snack was falafel, a Middle East delicacy consisting of balls of ground chick peas, fried and served with salad in a pitta sandwich. Falafel is still the cheapest snack food of its kind available.

Then, some time in the late 1960s, pizza came in with a bang. Falafel was suddenly pleb and everyone was chewing cheesy triangles.

Also, few towns are without a steak bar in the high street. Here you will get pitta sandwiches with a freshly grilled steak inside, with salads and pickles bunged in. Alternatives are the meat delicacies shashlik and shwarma, also the more common hamburger. These have lately gone up in price with the rise in meat costs, but are still relatively inexpensive.

However in the mid-1960s international fast food chains became interested in doing business in Israel. The first to open a restaurant chain was Wimpy, associated with Lyons in Britain. The Wimpy people made great talk of their meat being kosher — and maybe they were the first kosher Wimpy bars anywhere. But unfortunately Israelis never became enthusiastic about the product and the Wimpy experiment didn't succeed.

Another international chain that opened more recently on a smaller scale is Kentucky-Fried Chicken. A U.S. immigrant, Irving James, gained the franchise, and is now serving the only Kentucky-Fried kosher chicken in the world. This is authentically kosher and not a hoax. A large restaurant has recently opened in the centre of Tel Aviv, while another is operating in Herzliya. The special touch in the Israeli restaurants is that there is a non-milk substitute in the batter and the chicken itself is kosher.

The international chain of McDonald's opened in Israel, but did so most unwillingly: McDonald's suddenly found itself in the centre of Tel Aviv under the name McDavid's. An Israeli by the name of David studied the workings of the McDonald's restaurants, got hold of a menu, and opened up a similar establishment under his own name. He was aware that he was on the windy side of the law but after a protracted court case, his business is still thriving. Possibly McDonald's considers McDavid's beneath contempt.

Another fast food outlet that likewise found itself hauled up before the law was the country's first sandwich chain. Israelis suddenly discovered sandwiches — though these were little more than rolls spread with cold meats and salads. However, rival sandwich chains sprang up simultaneously and sued each other for claiming their idea. The judge laughed them all out of court. "Sandwiches — new idea!" he roared. "My old grandmother made sandwiches."

Various western immigrants have found fast food outlets a lucrative field. Many, with catering experiences abroad, opened their own restaurants and duly prospered. One of these is Burger-Ranch in Tel Aviv, which found a ready market for a good fast food served U.S. style.

Two Sabras recently had what seemed a good idea — the first fish and chip bar in Tel Aviv. (Odd that no one had thought of fish and chips here before — and these Israelis had no British connections.) The enthusiastic owners planned a chain of fish and chip shops all over Israel — but unhappily the venture did not prosper, joining the food fads that failed to go with a bang in nosh-crazy Israel.

The only wonder is that more international chains have not opened up here. Even with our economic doldrums, the Israeli will usually find cash for a quick bite. The potential is tremendous. Steak bars, fish bars, chicken bars — why not invest in Israel? International chains — climb on the Israeli bandwagon. Remember you'll be catering to the biggest noshers in the world.

Three new issues minted last August

Stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

The three new issues for August of 1980 were — Festival Stamps 5741, Sabbath Lamps (3 stamps), Renewal of Jewish Settlement in Gush Etzion (single), and a commemorative in memory of Yizhak Gruenbaum. (The first two of these issues will be discussed in a subsequent column.)

The Yizhak Gruenbaum stamp, which was designed by M. Krup of Tel Aviv, was issued in sheets of 15 with five tavs. The denomination is IL 32 — still the old currency, but note the rapid inflation.

Yizhak Gruenbaum, an outstanding leader of Polish Jewry, Zionist, and Israel's first minister of the intererior, was born in Warsaw in 1879. He studied law at the University of Warsaw and in 1901 began a journalistic career, writing and editing for the Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish and Russian pres[illegible]

After Poland became independent, Grenbaum was elected to the Polish "Seym," where he fought for Jewish rights. He was a representative of Keren Kayemeth in Pol[illegible] independent, Gr[illegible]baum was elected [illegible]ne Polish "Seym." Where he fought [illegible] Jewish rights. He [illegible] a representative of [illegible]ren Kayemeth in Pol[illegible]nd and became a leader of Polish Zionism. Gruenbaum was a delegate to all Zionist congresses from the seventh on; joined its executive in 1933, and held several important positions.

Gruenbaum was a member of Ben-Gurion's committee that drew up plans for the foundation of the Jewish state. He served in the provisional government and in the first ministry, and was responsible for preparing the elections to the "Preparatory Assembly" which became the first Knesset.

Gruenbaum's books in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, and Polish included: The Wars of the Jews of Poland 1905-1912, essays on The Zionist Movement, The Pangs of Redemption, and The Face of the Generation.

After leaving the government, Gruenbaum retired to Kibbutz Gan Shemuel wherew he continued his intererst in political and social problems and his writings. He died in Tel Aviv in 1970.

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sports scene
By MURRAY MALKIN

Steve Stone

TORONTO —

A few weeks ago the Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital, in Baltimore, held a charity auction where one young lady paid $1,300 for the chance to go on a date with Steve Stone.

Stone, who plays for the Baltimore Orioles and who just happens to be the hottest pitcher in baseball this year, says "it usually just takes a couple of glasses of wine and a smile for a girl to go out with me."

But it's easy to see why a woman would pay big bucks to go out with the 33-year-old Stone. He's charming. He's suave. He's intelligent. He's easy to talk to. And he throws a helluva breaking ball.

It's that breaking ball and a good deal of pitching smarts that has helped to put Stone, a one-time average pitcher, into the ranks of greatness. "When I played in little league ball," Stone told The Canadian Jewish News, "I was just a 500 pitcher. But as I get older, I seem to be getting better."

Stone says this year he finally realized he is a good pitcher and "I had to get over the idea I was a 500 pitcher to be successful. In the past I used to go out and try not to lose, but now I'm going out there to win."

Stone broke into the major leagues with the San Francisco Giants, then went to the Chicago White Sox, the Chicago Cubs, back to the White Sox and finally over to the Orioles. He says he really doesn't have a favorite team, but admits the one he likes tha most is usually the team he's playing for at the time.

With all the bouncing around Stone has done, he concludes that he's a warm-weather pitcher. "I can play in 100 degree heat, with 100% humidity and it doesn't bother me. I love the heat.

"My ambition in life is to have a year-round tan," Stone said, chuckling. He may have a pretty good chance to achieve that goal because he is working on a restaurant in Phoenix, Arizona. And when he's not in the dining establishment, to be called "Steven," he'll probably be working on his tan.

In baseball circles, Stone has become as well known for his restaurant knowledge as for his pitching ability. For a number of years he has been a partner in a successful Chicago restaurant chain, which he left recently in order to see how he can do on his own in the business.

"Steven will have gourmet atmosphere with continental food," said Stone, a man who can do everything there is to do in a restaurant. "One of the hardest things to do in the world is to wait on tables. But nothing is harder than pitching, except for being a brain surgeon, and since I'm not a brain surgeon, I'm not too sure how difficult that is."

While he can do everything around a dining establishment, Stone says he is not a chef, "but a cook." And out of the blue he volunteered to a listener that he doesn't like vegetables. And he hasn't liked them for as long as he can remember. "I'm a meatatarian," he added.

When Steve isn't pitching or working on ideas for his restaurant, he puts in a great deal of time with charitable work. He was chairman of the Cancer Society Auction, which raised $30,000 for Johns Hopkins, he was Goodwill chairman, he has worked for the Ronald McDonald House, and he is a constant visitor to children's hospitals.

"I'm single and I have some time," he says. "The community has been good to me and I'm happy to do it. It makes me feel good, it helps the kids, and when I go to visit it's a mutual admiration society. I realized these kids are fighting a bigger battle than I am."

However, after the long baseball season is over, Stone says he likes to relax, go out on a few dates and have some two-person dinner parties.

"After all, all work and no play makes Stevie a dull boy."

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If anybody was in the mood to do a little davening when the New York Yankees were in town they could have come to the press box on erev Rosh Hashanah and found a minyan.

It was a pretty evenly matched affair, with the Toronto media and the New York media each supplying five men.

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Irving Ungerman predicts the closed circuit broadcast of the Muhammad Ali-Larry Holmes world heavyweight championship fight on Oct. 2 will have more viewers than any of the other fights he's shown since he got into the business in 1964.

Ungerman has 28 locations across Canada — from Vancouver to Cape Breton — showing the event. The Toronto location is Maple Leaf Gardens.

He told Sports Scene: "A lot of people think I make a lot of money on these fights, but little do they realize that by my buying in I have to go out on the limb for more than $500,000.

"There's little time to line up buildings, and then when I do, they take a big chunk of the profits. In Toronto for example, Maple Leaf Gardens get 25%, entertainment tax is 10%, advertising is expensive and my telephone lines for Canada will cost $50,000."

But don't get Ungerman wrong. He isn't complaining. He loves the action involved in setting up these promotions and already he's looking forward "to my next big headache, the Duran-Leonard rematch."

Safety on Ice (Collins Publishers, $9.95) was written by Lois Kalchman after five years of research, and it should probably be read by parents who may be worried about the safety of children playing hockey.

Kalchman's book offers tips on how to buy and use helmets, face masks, pads, skates and other hockey equipment. Also included in the volume are rules and regulations, exercise routines and conditioning techniques.

The book has been recommended by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association for coaches, managers, players and parents of players.

Frank McKinnon, chairman of the board of the CAHA, says: "Safety on Ice does an excellent job of filling a void in a very important area of total hockey education."

Add more Canadian content to the CBC, says Nobleman

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

"I'm not anti-American, I'm pro-Canadian," says York Alderman Ben Nobleman who is lobbying for more Canadian content on the CBC. In an interview with The CJN he also explained the aims of the Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent, of which he is an official.

The former president of the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) insists that not only should present CBC content regulations be maintained (60% Canadian content on television and 30% on radio) but should be increased.

He said that 80% of ACTRA membership earns less than $2,000 a year. And he hit out at Canadian-made movies which, he said, favor U.S. actors. He claimed that in "The Changeling," with a budget of $6 million, actors George C. Scott and his wife Trish van Devere earned a total of $2 million while the more than 50 actors in the movie split $100,000.

He said investors should be allowed tax writeoffs only for Canadian films which give preference to Canadian performers.

Nobleman discussed the Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent.

He said the society is a charitable, non-profit organization founded in 1966 whose main aim is "to encourage and promote the recognition of Canadian talent in the Canadian entertainment industry as well as abroad." It also provides scholarships and bursaries for journalism, theatre arts and music in honor of prominent Canadian citizens and community leaders.

The society provides two bursaries to Hebrew University but Nobleman added that 99% of the funds go to Canadian universities. "We felt we should try to help some Israeli students," he added.

Nobleman has ideas for the Canadian National Exhibition grandstand show. He suggests the CNE send talent scouts all across Canada and put together a variety show with Canadians. In August, Nobleman was quoted in a Toronto newspaper calling for the resignation of top management at the CNE over "the disastrous decline in attendance."

He also criticized the Leah Posluns Theatre and said "the Jewish community has an obligation to promote Canadian talent." He suggested the theatre should do adaptations from Mordecai Richler's or Morley Torgov's works instead of using so many American plays and actors.

But a spokesman for the Leah Posluns said that although four of the five plays being presented in the coming season were written by Americans, they will all be produced by Canadians and one entitled "It All Ends Up in a Shopping Bag" is "entirely Canadian." The spokesman added that "if it is a good Jewish play," it will be performed.

Theatre benefit planned for Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The largest theatre benifit party in history, with an expected attendance of some 500,000 people in 1,000 theatres in the United States and 13 other countries around the world, will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of Israel on May 11, 1981.

The first designated beneficiaries of the $100-a-ticket gala event, which is expected to raise upwards of $50 million, are: Hadassah, the American Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the American Friends of Haifa University, with others to come, according to motion picture producers Edie and Ely Landau, who conceived this event with Meshulam Riklis, chairman of the board of Rapid-American Corporation. A subsidiary of Rapid-American is funding the project.

The initial work force involved in selling the 500,000 tickets will include more than 2,000 local chapters of Hadassah, ORT and Friends of the Hebrew and Haifa Universities, according to the Landaus. Each organization will benefit from its own efforts, retaining 80% of each $100 ticket sold, remiting 20% to Rapid-American until it has recouped all funds advanced for the project. Thereafter, 100% of all proceeds will be retained by the beneficiary organizations.

The focal point of the gala event will be the world premiere of the motion picture version of "The Chosen," based on the best-selling novel by Chaim Potok. Maximilian Schell, Rod Steiger, Robby Benson and Barry Miller star in the film, under the direction of Jeremy Paul Kagan.

The nation's leading motion picture theatre chains will co-operate in putting together the 1,000 participating cinemas.

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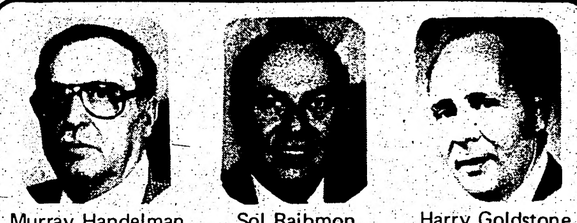
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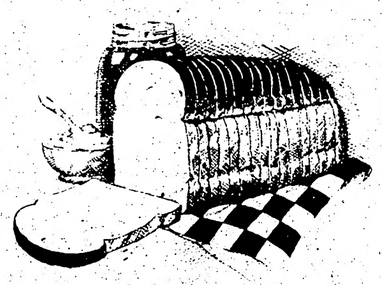
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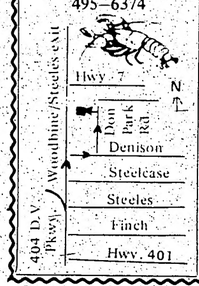

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